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Olympic mascots Quatchi and Sumi show off Olympic ticket designs outside VANOC headquarters in East Vancouver Thursday.

Vancouver 2010 Games ticket designs unveiled

Additional 200,000 seats set to be released on Saturday

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VANCOUVER 2010 Games

Olympic fans were given a sneak peek at what the 2010 tickets will look like on Thursday as Games organizers prepared for the release of an additional 200,000 seats, including 1,000 for the men's gold medal hockey game.

"Today's sneak peek at our ticket design is a small milestone," said Caley Denton, VANOC's vice-president of ticketing.

"But watching these milestones go by as an organizing committee is really exciting. It's something that really allows you to grasp how close the Games are."

VANOC unveiled sample ticket designs for four events: Curling, ice hockey, cross-country skiing and the opening ceremonies.

"We want (the tickets) to reflect the sport and the involvement and be a great keepsake," Denton said.

The tickets are designed around the "pictograph" of that sport and feature the blue and green colour scheme that VANOC is using to promote the Games.

Denton said he was "blown away" by the number of people in Beijing who would ask for his used ticket, which were the same for all events. "They really become a collector's item … We chose to make a different ticket for every event just to make that keepsake value that much better."

The second phase of ticketing goes on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday. Unlike the first phase, which uses a random lottery for over-requested events, Saturday's sale is first come, first served at Vancouver2010.com.

Third phase

- VANOCS' Denton said there will be a third ticketing phase in the fall. As well, a resale site will be created for people who have bought tickets, but are unable to use them.

Canada joins call for China to account for Tiananmen Square

ANNIVERSARY Canada joined with the United States on Thursday to demand a public accounting by Beijing for those killed in Tiananmen Square 20 years ago and that China do more to improve human rights.

"We hope that they will be able to examine these events in an open and transparent fashion — including the public accounting of those killed, detained or missing," Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon said in a written statement.

China denounced as crude meddling a demand for similar accounting by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Tanks rolled into Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989, to crush pro-democracy protesters, but the Communist Party has never released a death toll. REUTERS

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Scout volunteer faces sex charges

SUSPENSION A Richmond man who volunteered with Scouts Canada for about 10 years is accused of sexually exploiting a boy, Vancouver police said on Thursday.

Eddie Au has been suspended from Scout's Canada and is facing charges of sexual exploitation and assault stemming from incidents alleged to have occurred between November 2007 and April 2009.

The 34-year-old was also suspended in April of this year for an "unrelated incident."

Susie Mackie, internal communications specialist with Scouts Canada, said the previous suspension was "completely separate, not sexual."

"For 10 years there was nothing unusual about this individual," Mackie said. "If someone has been around for that long and there aren't any problems, it looks like that person is successful in his duties."

The organization is focusing on co-operating with Vancouver police and is offering counselling to scouts in the group.

Mackie emphasized that Scout's Canada has a stringent screening process that is used as a model for other volunteer organizations.

Au has been released from police custody and is due to appear in court July 6. FERNANDO CARNEIRO /METRO VANCOUVER

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Obama speaks to Muslims

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New Moon

Next week, Metro Canada gives you a look behind the scenes of New Moon, the newest film in the TWILIGHT series. We visit the Vancouver set and interview the hot cast and director.
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East Vancouver playground under construction
A playground is being built in East Vancouver on Saturday to kick off the Let Them Be Kids campaign sponsored by Kool-Aid. In all, 25 playgrounds will be built across Canada. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Metropolis gets dino-mite

Life-size animatronic dinosaurs, including a scientifically accurate and fleshy 24-foot Tyrannosaurus rex, left, are coming to Metropolis at Metrotown. The Burnaby mall will also display two complete skeletons of real dinosaurs and other fossils at two indoor atriums between June 12 and Sept. 20.
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Liberal MP Ujjal Dosanjh, right, and Mikhail Lennikov at First Lutheran Church.

Dosanjh joins ex-KGB agent's fight

Former premier says it is within government's power to overturn deportation order

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Former B.C. premier Ujjal Dosanjh has joined the fight to keep Mikhail Lennikov in Canada, and met with the ex-KGB agent on Thursday at the Vancouver church that granted him asylum.

Lennikov spent seven years fighting an impending deportation order and on Tuesday fled to First Lutheran Church after exhausting a last-ditch effort to stay in Canada.

Dosanjh, Liberal MP for Vancouver South, said it's within Public Safety Minister Peter van Loan's power to overturn the deportation order.

"This is a man who has an asset in Canada. He has a family here," said Dosanjh. "Laws are there, so are exceptions. That's why the government is given the discretion to override those provisions that may sound (unfair)."

> **"There's no evidence he's engaging in any criminal activity or espionage."**
> MP Ujjal Dosanjh

Lennikov, who stood at the church doorway and was careful not to cross the threshold, said he was forthcoming in telling the government about his past with the KGB — and for which he has now been ordered deported.

"The part of the process should be telling me exactly what they accuse me of," Lennikov said, adding that he's now considered a traitor in Russia for disclosing details about the KGB with the Canadian government.

"If he was such a threat, why have we allowed him to remain in the country?" Dosanjh added.

"There's no evidence he's engaging in any criminal activity or espionage ... It's important that we make some concessions and allow people like Lennikov to remain in Canada."

News in brief

DRUGS A 45-year-old Delta man has been arrested after border guards seized nearly five kilograms of heroin at YVR, cknw.com reports. An X-ray scan revealed the narcotics hidden inside five struts arriving from India.

SHOOTING A home on Ridgeview Drive in Abbotsford was the target of a drive-by shooting Thursday morning.

COURTS The teenager accused of posting a hit list on Facebook makes a court appearance Friday morning to face weapons charges after police found a shotgun, ammunition and knives at his house.

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Video B.C. bakes in a record-setting heat wave at **metronews.ca/canada**

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Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex, chats with national sledge hockey player Adam Dixon Thursday.

Prince Edward 'laid back,' says hockey player

ROYAL VISIT Prince Edward is "laid back" and "easy to talk to," said a member of Canada's national sledge hockey team who lunched with Queen Elizabeth's youngest son Thursday.

Adam Dixon, 19, was among four members of Canada's sledge team who presented the Earl of Wessex with a trio of Team Canada jerseys during a sledge demonstration at the University of B.C.

The jerseys had WESSEX written across the shoulders and were a gift for the prince and his two sons.

During the lunch that followed, Dixon said he had fun "eavesdropping" as the prince spoke with Premier Gordon Campbell about the London 2012 Olympic bid. JEFF HODSON/ METRO VANCOUVER

Pot activist focuses on prosecution deal

LAW Pot activist Marc Emery said he'll no longer fight his looming extradition to the United States where he faces drug charges and will instead focus on cutting a deal with prosecutors.

"My lawyers put it to me bluntly," Emery said on Thursday. "Canada has never not accepted an extradition request from the U.S. and the Conservative government hates you."

He now plans to plead guilty to one charge of drug distribution if two more serious charges are dropped. His lawyers are asking for a jail sentence of five years while U.S. prosecutors are asking for eight.

Either way Emery is facing preparing for jail. "It's all about planning activities to keep your mind busy," he said. "I'm going to learn Spanish and French. My intention is to come back and get elected to Parliament."

He added that as a Canadian marijuana activist he expects to be well received by all ethnicities. His lawyers will also work to have him transferred to a Canadian jail after his court appearance in Seattle next month.

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Once again

- This would be Emery's second time behind bars. He spent 67 days in a Saskatoon jail for passing a joint to a police officer.

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Whistler's Peak-2-Peak Gondola re-opens
Whistler's Peak-2-Peak Gondola reopens on Saturday for the summer season, giving people the chance to hike alpine trails on Blackcomb and Whistler mountains in one day for the first time. There are 20 hiking trails covering 50 kilometres between the two mountains. METRO VANCOUVER

Putting women's health first

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A Pap test isn't most women's favourite date to circle on the calendar, which is why the B.C. Cancer Agency is giving girls one less excuse to get one.

The Agency is partnering with clinics around the province to offer women walk-in examinations as part of Pap Awareness Week, which starts on Monday and runs until June 13.

The campaign was piloted last year at 12 doctor's offices around the Lower Mainland and is expanding this year to 100 clinics across B.C.

"A number of factors — from not having a family physician to challenges scheduling appointments (in rural) communities — could influence a woman's decision to get regular Pap tests," said Dr. Kathy Ceballos with the B.C. Cancer Agency's Cervical Cancer Screening Program.

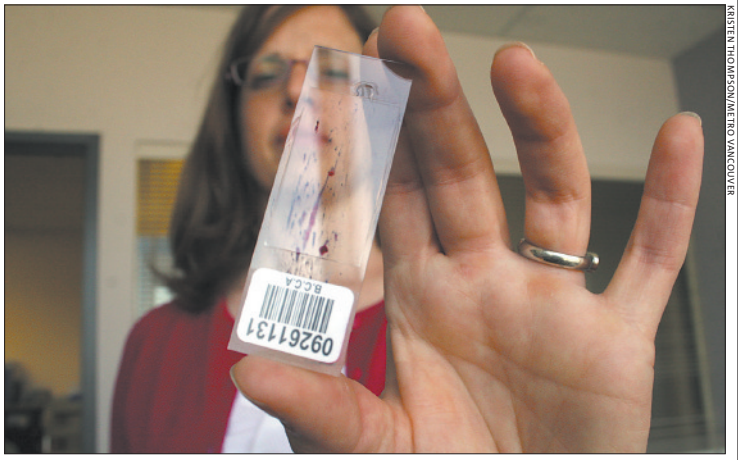
"Our goal is to make it easy for women to access cervical cancer screening by simply dropping in at participating local clinics."

Ceballos said the Agency is particularly interested in reaching out to local women in their 20s, who fall 10 per cent below the B.C. participation rate of 78 per cent.

"Pap tests detect abnormalities that can turn into (cervical) cancer," said Ceballos.

"Our peak age group for finding those abnormalities is the 20s."

"Cervical cancer is not a disease of the elderly. It impacts women in the prime of their lives."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Dr. Kathy Ceballos holds a slide containing a Pap smear at the B.C. Cancer Agency's Cervical Cancer Screening lab in Vancouver on Thursday.

Pap Awareness Week

- The Pap Awareness Week campaign includes a poster of Botticelli's Birth Of Venus, where Venus is replaced by a man to drive home the slogan of the campaign: The World Needs Women.
- To find a nearby clinic visit bccancer.bc.ca/paps.

V-Fest brings packed lineup

EVENT Our Lady Peace is headlining Day 1 of the Virgin Festival when it returns to Vancouver this July, organizers announced on Thursday.

Twelve acts, including Sonic Youth, k-os and Mute Math, are performing at Burnaby's Deer Lake Park on July 25 and 26 with more musicians expected to be added to the lineup by next month.

Raine Maida of Our Lady Peace

Grammy Award-winning songwriter and guitar legend Ben Harper and Relentless 7 will headline Day 2.

The festival, which was last held in the Vancouver area in 2007, is expected to attract more than 20,000 music lovers.

Tickets go on sale this Monday at noon, information is available at virginfestival.ca. METRO VANCOUVER

Smog advisory to continue on

WEATHER The bad stuck around on Thursday forcing officials to continue the air quality advisory for the Lower Mainland.

High smog levels brought on by very hot and sunny weather that surpassed 30 C in some areas led to the deterioration of air quality. In Vancouver, the temperature reached 26 C on Thursday.

These conditions are expected to persist through to Friday. METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

CHILD The death of a 21-month-old boy in New Hazelton is being investigated by the RCMP. Police are treating the death as suspicious.

GUN A man and woman were arrested in a New Westminster apartment after neighbours spotted the man pointing a rifle out of a fifth floor window, cknw.com reports. The weapon turned out to be a pellet gun.

TRUCK Police in Langley have recovered a U-Haul that was reported stolen in Edmonton. Police found nearly 1,000 litres of fuel in large plastic containers onboard. METRO VANCOUVER

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The heart versus head

Mona Eltahawy
Global View

George Bush could never have pulled it off. Give a speech that comfortably hopscotched between hot potato subjects, deftly shift from self-criticism to demanding the same of his audience and get at least 30 applause breaks from a mostly Muslim audience in Cairo, Egypt? Not in a million years.

How ironic that the middle name "Hussein," which the U.S. right wing viciously used to paint Barack Obama as a "secret Muslim," gave Obama what Bush never had — the benefit of the doubt of Muslims, if just for the 50 minutes of his speech.

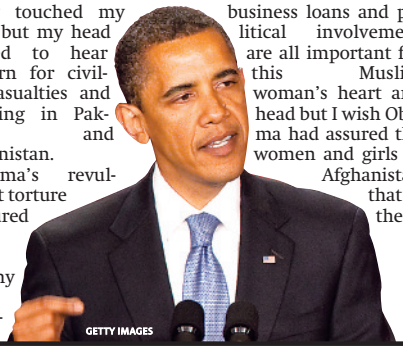
But that middle name sparked quite the fight between my heart — so easily charmed by his eloquence and intelligence — and my head, which holds Obama to a higher standard. I know he knows better.

Here's the breakdown of my heart vs. my head:

As a Muslim in the U.S., my heart and head were united in delight that Obama highlighted the role of Muslim Americans. They bridge that divide of "us versus them" that so many of the Bush administration's policies and rhetoric inflamed.

Obama's acknowledgement of Palestinian suffering touched my heart but my head wanted to hear concern for civilian casualties and suffering in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Obama's revulsion at torture reassured my heart but my head immediately asked why he didn't condemn torture in my beloved country of birth, Egypt — the host for his talk is a popular destination for renditions. Heart and head are furious that my country does America's dirty work.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Oh how he thrilled my heart by bringing up women's rights but why, oh why, head demanded, did he have to keep mentioning headscarves every time he spoke of Muslim women?

Yes education, small business loans and political involvement are all important for this Muslim woman's heart and head but I wish Obama had assured the women and girls of Afghanistan that their rights would not be sacrificed for the sake of a ceasefire or truce with the Taliban or other violent extremists.

Democracy greatly concerns both heart and head. Many Muslims around the world are upset with the U.S. because it supports dictators in many Muslim-majority countries such as Egypt, where Obama gave his speech, and Saudi Arabia where he began his Middle East visit.

So, Obama pleased heart with talk of the importance of the rule of law, freedom of expression, etc., but head wanted him to be as bold in condemning the repression of his hosts as he was in broaching those hot potato subjects that trouble the U.S. relationship with Muslims.

Clearly, Obama will keep heart and head busy.

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Worth mentioning

Prince Charles proposes cull of grey squirrels

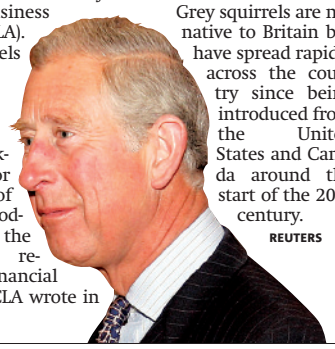
Prince Charles is urging British landowners to eradicate grey squirrels to save trees from being destroyed.

"The greys are doing immense and increasing damage to hardwoods all over the country and threaten to compromise all our efforts to restore native woodlands," the heir to the British throne wrote in a letter to Britain's Country Land and Business Association (CLA).

Grey squirrels damage broadleaved trees by nibbling the inner bark, making it hard for owners of forests and woodland to grow the hardwoods required for financial viability, the CLA wrote in a study.

The prince added that wiping them out would also be the only way of saving Britain's native red squirrels, which are smaller and weaker than their grey counterparts.

"The prince is a big land owner and tree-lover," CLA spokesman Oliver Wilson said Thursday. "That's why he has such a strong interest in this issue."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Grey squirrels are not native to Britain but have spread rapidly across the country since being introduced from the United States and Canada around the start of the 20th century.

Views

Ciclovia stealthily spreading around city

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It's an old-fashioned case of the left hand versus the right hand.

The left hand, appropriately enough, is Vancouver's city hall. This current council, which has never encountered a progressive idea it wasn't eager to adopt, is all fired up about establishing "ciclovia" around town.

No, it's not an intestinal parasite; it's a Latin American term that means closing the streets to cars and letting pedal and pedestrian power take over.

Vancouver has already acquired a reputation as Colombia North thanks to the thriving drug trade, so council figures we might as well be like Colombia on other fronts, and will impose ciclovia in four neighborhoods: Collingwood, Mount Pleasant, Gastown and Commercial Drive. For several Sundays this summer, no cars allowed.

Interesting that there will be no ciclovia in Point Grey or Kerrisdale, but council will seize one westbound lane on the Burrard Bridge for cyclists, so ciclovia is creeping stealthily toward the West Side.

Great stuff for cyclists, although all that joy and rapture is tempered a bit by the activities of the right hand, a.k.a. Vancouver police.

While council is bending over side-saddle to make Vancouver more cycle-friendly (at the same time annoying motorists and tourist bus operators, but never mind), the VPD is busy harassing the same cyclists with "information tickets," letting them know if they don't have a little bell on their bicycles or dare to ride on the sidewalk, they face a $109 fine.

Ciclovia be damned! Just in time for bike month!

Turns out there's a whole list of violations possible to commit on a bicycle. Did you know if you lift your butt off the seat to get up the hill, it's a $109 fine? (And who came up with that number anyway?)

Oddly, the fine is only $29 if you're not wearing a helmet. Apparently, it's more important to have a little bell you can ring in protest when you get run over by some babe in a princess float (Hummer, Escalade) with a cellphone stuck to her ear, than it is to protect your head from smashing like an overripe watermelon.

If I didn't know better, I'd suspect that city hall and the police are working in cahoots. First the city lures all the cyclists out of their dark corners into the sunlight, and then the VPD swoops down and charges them $109 each for not having a little bell — a creative way to increase revenue in a tough economy.

But, of course, that's not possible. Who ever heard of cops and councillors working together on anything?

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Canada

CRTC to leave new media alone

Canada's telecoms watchdog will continue to keep Internet and cellphone-based broadcasting services out of its regulatory reach, the agency announced on Thursday. The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission said it has decided to continue to exempt so-called "new media" broadcasters from its regulation in part because it fears that changing this stance would choke innovation. REUTERS

Abdelrazik vindicated

Sudanese-born Canadian has right to enter Canada: Court

Abousfian Abdelrazik, stranded at the Canadian Embassy in Sudan for more than a year, jumped up and down, laughed, and hollered "Thank you, thank you, thank you" in Arabic into the phone.

Abdelrazik

His Ottawa-based team of lawyers had just told him a Federal Court judge had ordered the Conservative government to ensure the Canadian citizen's return to Canada within 30 days.

An hour later, an overjoyed Abdelrazik spoke excitedly by phone from Khartoum and said he could hardly believe his ears. "I cannot even describe my feelings."

"I have a reservation for the 12th of June and I hope to be on that flight."

Justice Russell Zinn ruled yesterday that the Sudanese-born man has a charter right to enter Canada, "his country of citizenship by choice. He lives by himself with strangers while his immediate family, his young children, are in Montreal."

"He is as much a victim of international terrorism as the innocent persons whose lives have been taken by recent barbaric acts of terrorists," the judge wrote.

Although both the RCMP and CSIS eventually cleared Abdelrazik of terrorist ties, the federal government still balks at issuing the travel documents he needs to return.

Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon says he represents an unspecified security risk.

Zinn did not find evidence of bad faith, but concluded CSIS "was complicit" in the man's initial detention in 2003, partly because CSIS failed to bring evidence to rebut damaging embassy emails tabled in court. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Edmonton **Enchanted moment**

DAN RIEDLHUBER/REUTERS

Trooper Ryan Hammermeister and his fiancée, Kristina Torringa, share a private moment during a reception welcoming 125 troops who recently returned from Afghanistan, at Edmonton Garrison Thursday.

Scientists pioneer muscle rebuilding

SCIENCE Scientists at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute (OHRI) and the University of Ottawa have discovered a new way to stimulate muscle regeneration.

Published Friday, the research — which paves the way for new treatments for debilitating conditions such as muscular dystrophy — states that a protein called Wnt7a increases the number of stem cells in muscle tissue, leading to accelerated growth and repair of skeletal muscle.

"This discovery shows us that by targeting stem cells to boost their numbers, we can improve the body's ability to repair muscle tissue," said senior author Dr. Michael Rudnicki, the scientific director of Canada's Stem Cell Network and director of OHRI's Sprott Centre for Stem Cell Research.

When the Wnt7a protein was introduced into mouse muscle tissue, it significantly increased the population of stem cells for stronger muscles, the report stated. METRO CANADA

Artist Bio - The Stills

Hit Songs
Being Here

Montreal's The Stills dropped their third studio album, **Oceans Will Rise** in August 2008. This is a group who has spent eight years searching for their breakthrough single. *Being Here*, the first single from **Oceans Will Rise** was it for them. Pitchfork Media says "…ethereal, droning opening climaxing in an anthemic chorus."

Being Here won the group two Junos including Best Alternative Album of the Year. The band spent the most of March touring Australia and New Zealand, coming home just in time to perform at the Junos.

Perhaps one of the biggest moments for The Stills came in 2008 when they opened for Paul McCartney to celebrate Quebec City's 400th anniversary.

The Stills list their influences in a nonsensical rambling way, keeping their true muses a mystery to all.

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News in brief

SPACE TRAVEL Cirque du Soleil founder Guy Laliberte is on the countdown to become Canada's first space tourist, slated to travel to the International Space Station (ISS) in September. Laliberte, a 49-year-old Quebec billionaire who was listed as one of the 100 most influential people in the world by Time magazine in 2004, will become the seventh tourist to visit the multi-national orbiting space station since April 2001. He founded Cirque du Soleil 25 years ago and currently owns 95 per cent of the company.

RULING A mentally ill man who beheaded, then cannibalized, a fellow bus passenger last year will be confined to a secure ward in a mental hospital, a Canadian legal panel ordered late Wednesday. A judge ruled in March that Vince Weiguang Li could not be held responsible for the second-degree murder of a sleeping passenger near the western city of Portage La Prairie, Man., because he suffered from a major mental illness. REUTERS

Reactor faces longer shutdown

CHALK RIVER An aging Canadian nuclear reactor that makes a third of the world's medical isotopes may have to be shut down for longer than the three months initially forecast, the operator said Thursday.

The Chalk River reactor in eastern Ontario, run by government-owned Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., was taken out of service in May after it was discovered to be leaking a small amount of heavy water.

AECL officials said on Thursday that close examination of the reactor had discovered corrosion in several places and said there was no immediate or simple solution. AECL is now developing a plan on how to carry out the repairs, chief executive Hugh MacDiarmid told the House of Commons.

Chalk River

- Chalk River produces most of the isotopes distributed by MDS Nordion, a subsidiary of Canadian health sciences company MDS Inc.

The isotopes — used in medical tests and cancer treatments — are now in short supply. REUTERS

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Mediator named in pension talks

The federal government has appointed a mediator to try to settle disagreements between Air Canada and its unions and retirees over the future of the airline's pension plan, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said on Thursday.

Air Canada, the country's largest carrier, drew complaints last month when it asked unions to support a moratorium on funding its $2.85 billion pension deficit.

A solution to pension funding woes and concessions from unions are seen as crucial to keeping Air Canada from filing for bankruptcy protection for the second time in six years.

Former Ontario Superior Court Judge James Farley, who oversaw Air Canada's 2003 bankruptcy, will seek a solution on the company's pension and other issues, the government said. REUTERS

Fontaine to step down as chief

FIRST NATIONS Assembly of First Nations National Chief Phil Fontaine announced Thursday he will retire at the end of his term in July after almost nine years in the role, CBC News Online reports.

During a press conference in Ottawa, Fontaine called his time at the helm of AFN "the best job that I have ever ha" but said he would not seek a record fourth three-year term.

Fontaine, 64, from Manitoba's Sagkeeng First Nation, said the time seemed right to step aside and spend more time with his family. He said he would continue working with First Nations and all Canadians "to bring about reconciliation."

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Royals stung by bee theft

Thieves have stolen hundreds of thousands of bees along with their hives destined for Britain's royal family, police said Thursday. REUTERS

World

Chavez plans further nationalization

Venezuela is preparing to nationalize petrochemical projects, part of a campaign by President Hugo Chavez, left, to limit the private sector and build a socialist state in South America's top oil exporter. The national assembly is currently reading a proposed law to put all petrochemical activity under state control, extending the list of companies in the oil sector already in government hands. REUTERS

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A man holds a flower at candlelight vigil in Hong Kong Thursday.

Hong Kong residents hold Tiananmen vigil

CHINA Cradling candles, Hong Kong residents transformed a park into a sea of flickering lights on Thursday, in memory of demonstrators crushed by tanks in Beijing's Tiananmen Square two decades ago. While China has tried to whitewash the incident over the past two decades and has tightened security around Tiananmen Square in recent days, Hong Kong has long made the most of its unique freedoms to openly challenge Beijing to reverse its verdict on June 4 and fully account for the killings. REUTERS

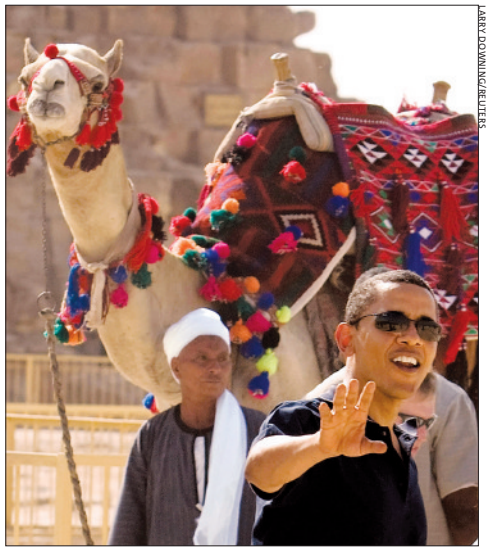
Obama addresses Muslims

U.S. president Barack Obama had a blunt, "tough-love" message for Arabs and Israelis that thrust him deeper into Middle East peacemaking — a tangled web that bedeviled his predecessors and carries risks for him.

Quoting a Qur'an passage to "speak always the truth," Obama set aside diplomatic niceties in demanding Israel stop building Jewish West Bank settlements that antagonize Palestinians, for Palestinians to work for peace and accept Israel's right to exist and for Palestinian militants to halt violence.

"We cannot impose peace," Obama said Thursday in a speech in Cairo to the world's Muslims. "But privately, many Muslims recognize that Israel will not go away. Likewise, many Israelis recognize the need for a Palestinian state. It is time for us to act on what everyone knows to be true."

The president, who is a Christian, but whose Kenyan father came from a family that includes generations of Muslims, stressed his Muslim roots in a way that he never did during his presidential campaign last year, when it might have been seen as a political liability. REUTERS



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U.S. President Barack Obama is given a tour of the Great Pyramids of Giza before his speech in Cairo, Egypt, Thursday.

Reaction

• Barack Obama's speech to the Muslim world Thursday was a "good start" towards a new U.S. policy in the Middle East, a spokesman for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said. "His call for stopping settlement and for the establishment of a Palestinian state, and his reference to the suffering of Palestinians ... is a clear message to Israel that a just peace is built on the foundations of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital," said spokesman Nabil Abu Rdainah. "President Obama's speech is a good start and an important step towards a new American policy," he said. The Western-backed Abbas heads the Palestinian Authority, which has held sway only in the West Bank since Hamas Islamists took over the Gaza Strip in 2007. Ayman Taha, a Hamas spokesman, said Obama's speech represented no change in U.S. policy.

Air France bomb theory played down

PLANE Intelligence services and security analysts who monitor extremist groups see nothing as yet to indicate foul play in the crash of Air France Flight 447.

Experts say the lack of a claim of responsibility and the absence of website chatter by guerrilla networks are pointers, albeit circumstantial ones, to an accident as the likely cause of the crash that killed 228 people.

"An attack is not the top theory at the moment," said Anthony Glees, director of Britain's Buckingham University Centre for Security and Intelligence Studies.

Authorities are baffled by how a modern plane could have plunged out of the sky without giving its team of three experienced pilots time to send a mayday call. REUTERS

Speed a factor?

• French newspaper Le Monde said Airbus was preparing to issue a recommendation advising airlines that fly the A330 at optimal speed during bad weather.

News in brief

FLU Global health officials underestimated the risk that pig herds might be a source of new influenza strains, choosing instead to focus on the threat of bird flu, researchers in Mexico said Thursday. They analyzed samples from people infected with influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu. U.S. health officials say this number reflects only a fraction of the true cases. REUTERS

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Fire kills 76 miners

The bodies of 15 more illegal miners were brought to the surface on Thursday, raising the death toll from a fire at a disused South African gold mine to at least 76, the mine's owners said.

Minister of Mining Susan Shabangu described the tragedy as the worst in recent memory at an illicit mine in South Africa, and vowed after a visit to the site to fight the kingpins behind the illegal gold-mining syndicates.

The unauthorized miners were killed after a fire they are thought to have started raged for days at the abandoned mine owned by Harmony in the Free State province, where many disused mines hold enough deposits to attract illegal mining syndicates.

Gold prices near record highs have made the risks taken by well-organized illegal mining syndicates even more worthwhile.

The miners died at Eland shaft near the town of Welkom, in a part of the mine that runs to depths of up to 1.4 kilometres. REUTERS

Peru finds Incan sacrifice site

DISCOVERY Researchers at an archeological site in northern Peru have made an unusually large discovery of nearly three dozen people sacrificed some 600 years ago by the Incan civilization. The bodies, some of which show signs of having been cut along their necks and collarbones, were otherwise found in good condition, said Carlos Webster, who is leading excavations at the Chotuna-Chornancap camp. Although archeologists regularly find evidence of human sacrifice, it is rare to find the remains of 33 people in one place, researchers said. REUTERS

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Hybrids still the best green vehicle option: Toyota exec 13

Hybrids will remain the best automobile option for green consumers in the foreseeable future, as more battery research is needed for electric cars, says a Toyota executive. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Business

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Economy on mend?

Mixed signals baffle experts, ordinary Canadians

Is the economy actually getting better? The answer depends on whom you ask.

It is a classic bulls-versus-bears debate, fuelled by a flurry of mixed signals. While some financial luminaries have declared the worst of the crisis over, there is still considerable concern that those oft-cited "green shoots" ought to be viewed with suspicion.

In particular, economists' increasing reliance on double negatives — such as "less bad" or "less pessimistic" — have left ordinary Canadians confused about whether the economy is really on the mend.

For those utterly perplexed by all the Bay Street bafflegab, David Rosenberg, chief economist and strategist with Gluskin Sheff and Associates, offers this assessment: "The patient is out of the operating room, but it is not out of sick bay by a long shot."

He stresses that no one should mistake the recent rally in equities with a recovery in the real economy.

Rosenberg argues there are four key ingredients driving the recession: Declines in "organic" personal income, sales, production and employment. Those factors have yet to bottom out and may not until next year.

But for now, the data are indeed "less bad" and should be interpreted that way. A recovery cannot materialize until growth rates turn positive on a "sustained basis," he said.

Scotia Economics, meanwhile, has issued research suggesting the global economy is on the cusp of "transitioning from recession to recovery."

The report suggested output growth could turn positive during the second half of the year. Still, the contraction in worldwide real GDP in 2009 is still likely to average 2.7 per cent, "a postwar record."

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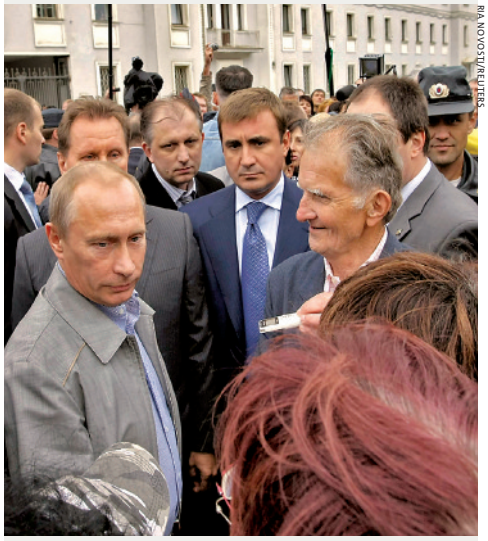
Jobs report

- With economists expecting a net loss of 42,500 jobs when Statistics Canada releases its May labour report Friday, the job market could remain dreadful for years.

Russia **Putin to the rescue**



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Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, left, meets people in the town of Pikalyovo Thursday. Pikalyovo's workers are living in poverty after the town's three main employers stopped production. Putin Thursday forced Oleg Deripaska, a top metals tycoon, to sign a contract for supplies to help idle factories restart.

Bankruptcies jump in April

DATA Bankruptcies in Canada rose in April from a year ago as more consumers gave up on paying their bills amid the first recession since the '90s — and things are expected to get worse before they get better.

Consumer and business bankruptcies rose 33 per cent to 11,465 in April compared with the same month last year.

Surging consumer filings offset a drop in business bankruptcies to produce an overall rise.

"We find it frightening that the numbers have risen so dramatically, but we're not surprised," said Elena Jara, credit counsellor and education co-ordinator for Credit Canada.

In total, 10,936 personal bankruptcies were filed in April, up 36.1 per cent from the 8,035 in the same month a year earlier.

Business bankruptcies fell 10.6 per cent in April, to 529, compared with April of last year, when 592 businesses declared bankrupcty.

A report released last month by CIBC World Markets suggested business bankruptcies declined because companies were taking "pre-emptive action" to slash jobs in the face of the economic slowdown. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Business in brief

LOONIE The Bank of Canada held its key interest rate unchanged Thursday at 0.25 per cent, as expected, but warned recent significant improvements in financial conditions and commodity prices could be lost if the Canadian dollar — which rose 9.3 per cent against the U.S. dollar in May — continues to rise.

PETRO-CAN Shareholders of Petro-Canada voted overwhelmingly Thursday in favour of Suncor Energy Inc.'s $22.2-billion takeover of the oil company, moving Canada's largest energy deal a step closer to completion.

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Gas bill savings down the drain

Tankless water heaters claim to save money, but some say results fall flat

You're thinking about replacing your old water heater tank. Is it time to go tankless?

There's an endless supply of hot water, suppliers claim, since you only heat water when you turn your faucet on.

You can save room in your basement with a wall-mounted tankless unit and save money on your gas bill.

Kevin Kennedy installed a tankless water heater last fall after doing an energy audit of his four-year-old house. He's not impressed so far.

"It hasn't lived up to the hype I read in the papers, nor the sales pitch from the contractor," he said. "The only savings have been the rental fees on the tank we removed."

A tankless water heater needs extra maintenance, he found. It has to be serviced once a year with a vinegar solution to keep it clean and functioning properly. "Estimated cost is $100 a year — more than the gas savings."

"A family of four with a 50-gallon tank spends $30 a month to heat water, says John Krill, director of operations support. A 15 per cent gas saving means an extra $4.50 a month, or $54 a year."

He had to remove his water-saving shower heads, since there wasn't a strong enough flow to keep the water heater on.

"I now waste more water waiting for the hot water to arrive. It takes 10 to 15 seconds every time you turn on the tap for the hot water to get up to temperature — and up to a minute with the tap on full for the hot water to arrive on the second floor."

One consumer had to remove his water-saving shower heads, since there wasn't a strong enough flow to keep the water heater on.

Reliance Home Comfort (formerly owned by Union Gas) tests tankless systems in its labs to simulate the water use of a typical family.

It finds you can save about 15 per cent of the energy previously consumed by the hot water tank.

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That's not a big deal — and Krill agrees with Kennedy that the gas saving is often eaten up by the cost of extra water use.

"Many households take longer showers. From 10 minutes, they go to 12 minutes, knowing they won't run out of water. So, what happens to the savings? Zero."

You save energy only when you keep your hot water use the same as before, he emphasizes.

You may be disappointed with what you get when you need a trickle of water — say, to clean a razor blade while shaving. The cold water has to flow through the tankless unit and kick on a heating mechanism. This can take a while.

"Tankless systems won't give you the same hot water in a low-flow scenario as what you get from a storage tank," Krill says.

Second, there's the peak flow scenario when you want an endless flow of hot water. Again, you may be disappointed. A hot water tank uses about 40,000 BTUs of energy (British thermal units) but a tankless unit uses five times that, or 200,000 BTUs. "It fires up the burners and pounds the cold water to raise the temperature to 120 degrees Fahrenheit," he says.

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Confusion reigns at New Zealand horse track

A New Zealand horse race ended in confusion Thursday when five of the six starters fell and one jockey started on one horse and finished on another. Stewards eventually declared Nana, the only horse to finish without falling, the winner by 128 lengths. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

La Russa sues Twitter

St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa, left, is suing the social networking site Twitter, claiming an unauthorized page using his name damaged his reputation and caused emotional distress. The suit filed last month in the Superior Court of California in San Francisco seeks unspecified damages. The account bearing La Russa's name is no longer active. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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SHAUN BEST/REUTERS

Pittsburgh's Matt Cooke checks Detroit's Nicklas Lidstrom in the first period of Game 4 on Thursday. The Penguins downed the Red Wings 4-2, evening the series at two games apiece.

Penguins pull even

(Series tied 2-2)

Detroit 2 **Pittsburgh** 4

VS

Buoyed by another spirited performance from the incomparable Evgeni Malkin and a three-goal second period, Pittsburgh came away with a 4-2 win over Detroit in Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Finals.

Malkin was one of three players, along with Sidney Crosby and Jordan Staal, to register a goal and an assist, as the Penguins captured both home games to even the best-of-seven set.

The Russian centre is undoubtedly a leading candidate for the Conn Smythe Trophy, pacing the playoffs with 21 assists and 35 points.

Tyler Kennedy also scored for Pittsburgh, while Marc-Andre Fleury turned aside 37 of the 39 shots he faced to get the win.

Darren Helm and Brad Stuart lit the lamp for the Red Wings, who will look to regroup when this series shifts back to Detroit for Game 5 on Saturday.

The Red Wings have played extremely well on home ice during the playoffs, posting a 10-1 record at Joe Louis Arena.

Chris Osgood allowed four goals on 31 shots.

Detroit forward Pavel Datsyuk missed his seventh straight game with an injured foot. Veteran forward Kris Draper, though, did return to the Red Wings lineup. Draper had missed the last five games recovering from a groin injury and also sat out Detroit's first 10 postseason contests because of an upper-body ailment. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Donald opens with three-shot Memorial lead

GOLF Britain's Luke Donald produced a spectacular burst of six consecutive birdies to surge into a commanding three-shot lead in Thursday's opening round at the Memorial tournament.

The double PGA Tour champion shrugged off a bogey at the par-four first to fire an eight-under-par 64 in the event hosted by golfing great Jack Nicklaus at Muirfield Village Golf Club.

Donald covered the back nine in a sizzling six-under 30 to end a cool, overcast day well ahead of his nearest challengers.

Australian Jason Day got to seven-under after 15 holes before bogeying 17 and 18 for a 67, finishing second along with South African Thomas Aiken and Americans Jim Furyk and Ted Purdy.

Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., shot a 69 and is five shots back. REUTERS

Avalanche hire new coach

NHL The Colorado Avalanche needed just one day to find a new bench boss as the team hired Joe Sacco as the new head coach.

The team announced the hiring of Sacco and also named Sylvain Lefebvre as the assistant coach.

The move comes just one day after Greg Sherman was named the new general manager of the team. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Big Unit **Big Milestone**

GREG FIUME/GETTY IMAGES

San Francisco pitcher Randy Johnson celebrates with his son Tanner after winning his 300th career game against the Washington Nationals on Thursday. The Giants won the game 5-1 and Johnson became just the 24th pitcher to reach 300 wins.

Sports in brief

TENNIS Top-seeded Canadian Daniel Nestor and Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic were eliminated from the French Open on Thursday, losing their semifinal match 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5) to third-seeded Lukas Dlouhy of the Czech Republic and Leander Paes of India. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Colorado catcher's family safe

The Colorado Rockies say catcher Yorvit Torrealba's 11-year-old son and his brother-in-law have been released after being kidnapped. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers watches his shot fall as Dwight Howard, from left, Mickael Pietrus and Rashard Lewis of the Orlando Magic look on Thursday during Game 1 of the NBA Finals.

Kobe scores 40

Lakers take Game 1 from Magic with huge win

(Lakers lead series 1-0)

Orlando 75 L.A. Lakers 100

Kobe Bryant is off to a good start in his quest for a post-Shaq championship, scoring a personal NBA Finals-high 40 points with eight rebounds and eight assists, as the Lakers took control before halftime and never let up in a 100-75 victory over Orlando in Game 1.

Pau Gasol added 16 points with eight rebounds, Lamar Odom notched a double-double with 11 points and 14 rebounds and Andrew Bynum donated nine points and nine rebounds for the Lakers, who shot 46.1 per cent, but more importantly held the Magic to 29.9 per cent shooting.

The Lakers have not won a championship since 2002, the last of their three consecutive titles, but have won 14 in the storied franchise history. Bryant is in search of his first solo title — meaning, without the services of Shaquille O'Neal.

Los Angeles is off to a good start, as head coach Phil Jackson, aiming for his record 10th NBA championship as a coach, has a 43-0 mark in the postseason when his team wins the first game.

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What made Shewfelt shine

For the first time in recent memory Kyle Shewfelt is not the reigning monarch of Canadian gymnastics.

Recently retired, he is a notable absence at the national championships being held in Hamilton. Shewfelt was a master craftsman of what is arguably the world's most difficult sport — the one that most kids couldn't do in physical education class.

And he was good — no, he was fantastic — at what he did.

At the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Shewfelt had a move on the vault named after him — a move too complicated to get into here. He was blazing a new trail for Canadians in his chosen sport.

In 2003 at the World championships in Anaheim, Calif., he won two medals — a rarity for a North American.

The next summer in Greece he claimed the Olympic gold medal in the men's floor exercise — a breakthrough. His pose atop the podium with the laurel wreath adorning his head was classic. It became a signature image of the 2004 Games.

Afterwards, when Shewfelt was interviewed by Olympic speedskating champion Catriona Le May Doan, he embraced her.

"This means the world to me," he told her with a look of wonder plastered on his face.

Watching and listening from the broadcast booth, I couldn't tell if he meant the gold medal or the realization that he had finally been admitted to the circle of greatness he so admired.

In Stuttgart, at the world championships 11 months prior to Beijing, he broke both his legs. Speaking to reporters the day after the incident, with those battered limbs encased in splints and strapped into a wheelchair, Shewfelt said an astounding thing.

"I'll make it back for the Olympics," he beamed. "You can count on it."

He was true to his word.

Now Kyle Shewfelt has withdrawn from the competitive part of his gymnastics life. But in making that difficult choice he must be assured that only so much polish can be applied to a shimmering career.

What is it that made Kyle Shewfelt shine?

He was truly exceptional — an original — a Canadian pioneer.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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Will Ferrell's character in Land of the Lost swings from a hilariously pompous scientist (clearly written by Saturday Night Live writers) to a genius whenever the plot requires. The funnyman's improv scenes with costar Danny McBride highlight the film.

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Creativity lost in this Land

Land of **The Lost**

Director: Brad Silberling
Stars: Will Ferrell, Danny McBride, Anna Friel
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Will Ferrell, left, Anna Friel and Danny McBride star in Land of the Lost.

Generally speaking, special effects and comedy don't mix. There are exceptions to the rule of course (Ghostbusters springs immediately to mind), but normally movies that combine effects and comedy are expensive, unfunny messes.

Land Of The Lost is a prime example. While there are a handful of funny scenes featuring Will Ferrell and Danny McBride, they feel like last minute additions tacked on to an old screenplay based on the mostly forgotten '70s children's show.

Perhaps there is a huge underground cult of hardcore Land Of the Lost fans excited to see Sleestaks on the big screen, but for the most part audiences should react to the film with bewilderment.

Will Ferrell stars as Dr. Rick Marshall, a misunderstood scientist who creates an odd invention that transports himself, a generic love interest (Anna Friel), and a burly tour guide (Danny McBride) to an alternate universe.

Ferrell's character awkwardly transitions from a hilariously pompous scientist (clearly written by the credited SNL writers) to a genius whenever the plot requires.

It's distractingly inconsistent and that sums up the movie as a whole. This is clearly a cheesy adventure screenplay spruced up with a last minute comedy rewrite. The result is a muddled tone that feels like the filmmakers couldn't decide if they were making a family action movie or a crude adolescent comedy.

Whenever a rewritten scene or a Will Ferrell/Danny McBride improv session is woven into the story, the movie works fairly well.

Had this been an adventure/comedy created specifically for the leads, it could have been an entertaining summer movie. Unfortunately, the writers are slaves to a backstory and universe from a cheesy television series that's only on the pop culture radar out of nostalgia and camp value.

Practically every scene inspired by the series grinds the movie to a halt.

Despite about 20 to 30 minutes of entertaining material, Land Of The Lost is little more than an expensive waste of talent. Hopefully everyone involved got a big payday to make up for their creative bankruptcy.

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Plenty of laughs in The Hangover

The **Hangover**

Director: Todd Phillips
Stars: Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms
Classification: 14A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Old School director Todd Phillips delivers another bad-boy comedy in The Hangover.

If you've ever been nudged awake by a police officer while napping on a stranger's front lawn and couldn't explain how you got there — well, The Hangover may happily make you feel not so alone.

In what is sure to be the summer's biggest surprise comedy, Bradley Cooper (Yes Man) plays a raucous high-school teacher who promises groom Doug (Justin Bartha), dentist Stu (Ed Helms) and weirdo in-law Alan (Zach Galifianakis) their Vegas bachelor party will be a "night the four of us will never forget."

Only they do forget, and the next morning Stu's bicuspid is not the only thing missing. So is Doug.

Setting forth to find the missing groom and deliver him to the altar, the hungover trio must make sense of the tiger in their hotel room, the stolen cop car in their possession and Stu's new stripper-wife (Heather Graham). And that's just the tip of the proverbial iceberg.

The Hangover perhaps most cleverly structures itself as a mystery, slowly revealing the gags in hindsight as the trio tries to solve Doug's disappearance. As such, there's rarely any lag time and the surprises are hugely engaging.

In fact, in spite of the slightly anti-climactic outcome of Doug's great whereabouts, the film redeems itself with a hilarious and slightly shocking end-credit sequence. Most importantly, director Todd Phillips (Old School) delivers the gags with an underlying honesty and captures the natural humour of male behaviour, "stupid" as it sometimes may be. Or at least, that's how the police officer described it to me anyhow.

- For The Hangover photos, trailer and screen times, or to buy tickets, visit metronews.ca/movies.

Actors expected to OK deal

UNION A year of labour unrest in Hollywood is seen ending next week when the largest actors' union is expected to approve a new contract with film and TV studios in a close vote, industry watchers said Wednesday.

The Screen Actors Guild, which represents 120,000 actors, remains sharply divided over the labour deal ahead of a June 9 vote count. But many members fear a repeat of the 2007/2008 writers strike that cost the Los Angeles area economy as much as $3 billion.

Filmmaking already has slowed this past year as producers worried about starting production then being forced to halt if new labor strife developed. Location movie production in Los Angeles hit a record low in 2009's first quarter, falling 56 per cent from 2008, according to permit issuer Film L.A.

SAG's old labour contract expired on June 30, 2008, although actors are still working under its terms. But now Hollywood wants to get fully back to work and remove any uncertainty over a possible work stoppage, the experts said.

"I think it will be ratified, but I think they (detractors) will be able to drive the (yes vote) percentage down pretty dramatically." Entertainment attorney Jonathan Handel

"I think it will be ratified, but I think they (detractors) will be able to drive the (yes vote) percentage down pretty dramatically," Jonathan Handel, an entertainment attorney who has tracked the contract talks.

Sam Freed, a high-ranking member of SAG's national board of directors and a supporter of the contract, said he is optimistic it will win approval.

"It's important that we get this contract signed and we move on," Freed said.

REUTERS

Casting talk
Pierce Brosnan, Chris Cooper and Emilie de Ravin are in final talks to join Remember Me, the new Allen Coulter movie starring Robert Pattinson, right. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Kids' shows in the key of Krofft

InFocus

Richard Crouse
metronews.ca/infocus

Without Sid and Marty Krofft the '60s and '70s would have been much less colorful. The brothers produced trippy Saturday morning kids' shows like Sigmund and the Sea Monsters, Lidsville and H.R. Pufnstuf. They were mind-bending romps with wild fluorescent puppet characters that looked like hip castoffs from McDonald's-land and a psychedelic sensibility that had more to do with Reefer Madness than Captain Kangaroo.

Not that I knew that at the time. Later when I realized H.R's surname was pronounced "puffin' stuff" the hallucinogenic humor of the show made (slightly) more sense.

The Kroffts were best known for their insane puppet shows, but among their other credits were fantasy series like Land of the Lost, which gets the big screen treatment this weekend. If it's a hit expect more shows from the Krofft vault to make the leap to theatres.

"I think a number of our titles are conducive to film," says younger brother Marty, "Like Lidsville, Electra Woman and Dyna Girl; I know there is a big star that wants to be Electra Woman."

This isn't the first time the Kroffts have dabbled in film. In 1970 the brothers produced a theatrical version of the H.R. Pufnstuf television show. Simply titled Pufnstuf, it centred around Jimmy (Jack Wild), his magical talking flute, Freddy, and Jimmy's old foe Witchiepoo (Billie Hayes) who tries to steal the flute and win the Witch of the Year Award.

"I think a number of our titles are conducive to film. Like Lidsville, Electra Woman and Dyna Girl; I know there is a big star that wants to be Electra Woman."
Land of The Lost co-creator Marty Krofft

It's not Dostoevsky, but Witchiepoo and her Vroom Broom is worth a search on YouTube. (If they bring Pufnstuf back to the big screen Marty already knows who he wants to play Witchiepoo. "How great would Johnny Depp be as Witchiepoo?" he says.)

If Pufnstuf was Cheech and Chong for kids their next movie was John Waters-lite.

Shot in 1978, Side Show is a demented little flick that didn't see the light of day until 1981. Directed by William Canon Conrad this strange piece of celluloid is a murder mystery set against the backdrop of a circus.

The Kroffts and Conrad almost outdo Tod Browning's Freaks, bringing together a collection of actual side show performers to add a sense of eccentric authenticity to the picture.

Side Show was a flop, but that didn't slow down the brothers. They have been producing television and movies for almost five decades with no end in sight. As Disney chief Michael Eisner said, "The Kroffts always have one more show in them."

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

In 1970 the Krofft brothers produced a theatrical version of their H.R. Pufnstuf television show.

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Bruno brainstorm

Eminem says last weekend's MTV Movie Awards stunt was Sacha Baron Cohen's idea. "Sacha called me when we were in Europe and he had an idea to do something outrageous at the movie awards," he tells RapRadar.com. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

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Waterlife flows as elegaic eco doc

Waterlife
Director: Jevin McMahon
Stars: Gord Downie
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

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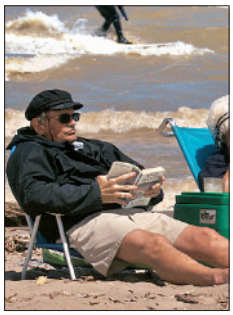

A scene from the Great Lakes documentary Waterlife.

REVIEW Kevin McMahon's documentary could be almost be called a character study of the Great Lakes, so closely does the director align the film's visual informational rhythms with the flow of H2O.

This is not to say that there are no compelling human figures in this Hot Docs prize winner: As the film progresses, we're introduced to a number of folks whose lives pivot in very different ways around water or the lack thereof.

Waterlife is most remarkable, however, in the moments where the camera submerges, probing deeply into an ecosystem that's ultimately no safer for being so well hidden.

Throughout the film, McMahon takes stock of the damage being done to the Great Lakes via industrial pollutants, building a patient, credible case that such developments are simply foreshocks of a larger water crisis to come.

Waterlife eschews the finger-wagging Powerpoint tactics of An Inconvenient Truth, opting instead for a more elegiac tone — the only recent eco-doc it recalls is Laura Dunn's terrific The Unforseen, which is also about the encroachment of civilization on our liquid natural resources.

McMahon leans a bit too heavily on his soundtrack, which includes selections from Sufjan Stevens, Sigur Ros, and the Tragically Hip (with Gord Downie pulling double duty as the narrator). But there's something to be said for accessibility when presenting such despairing material. If hipster-friendly aural accompaniment can help to grease the turnstiles, well, why not?

Easy Virtue anything but easy to watch

Easy Virtue
Director: Stephan Elliott
Stars: Jessica Biel, Ben Barnes
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Jessica Biel stars as an American racecar driver who marries a Brit aristocrat in Easy Virtue.

Based on a little-known Noel Coward play from 1924, Easy Virtue is far from virtuous and anything but easy to watch.

In fact, what could've been a scathing indictment on aristocratic hypocrisy ends up mostly toothless, gumming at the satire like an old man eating pudding without his dentures.

In the early-20th century comic-drama, Jessica Biel (The Illusionist) plays a free-spirited American racecar driver who marries naïve John (Ben Barnes), an upper-crust Brit whose family is at odds with the new kin, especially John's snooty mom (Kristin Scott Thomas) who sets out to subvert the matrimony.

Naturally, this conflict would either logically give way to suspense (as Alfred Hitchcock attempted in a 1928 adaptation) or humour. Unfortunately for Easy Virtue, it does neither effectively, instead feeding us mostly gags that are heavy-handed and obvious — especially one overplayed sequence involving the family's beloved-but-doomed Chihuahua.

The film's performances are satisfying enough and while Easy Virtue's themes of recession in the mid-1920s may seem surprisingly poignant, a bewildering tone lacks the focus required to land a punch. Things just get weirder by the time you hear Barnes crooning Billy Ocean's When the Going Gets Tough. Because when that happens, the tough get going.

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O'Horten simple but still charming

O'Horten
Director: Bent Hamer
Stars: Baard Owe, Espen Skjonberg, Ghitta Norby
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW O'Horten is a wonderful and sweet little movie from renowned Norwegian filmmaker Bent Hamer. It's a very simple story told on a small scale, but one with a wonderful message that resonates louder than anything that happens on screen.

The film essentially treads the same ground as the recent Jack Nicholson vehicles About Schmidt and The Bucket List. It's about an old man who reaches retirement before realizing that he never spent much time living and enjoying life.

Fortunately, O'Horten veers more towards the understated simplicity of the former movie and not the crass wish fulfillment of the latter.

Lars Von Trier veteran Baard Owe stars as the titular Odd Horten (the first name is quite common in Norway), a train conductor embarking on his last day of work. Due to some humorous shenanigans the night before, Horten shows up late for his final train journey and misses the train for the first time in his career.

Depressed, he wonders the city and — as always tends to happen in these sorts of movies — meets a variety of eccentric characters who each teach him something about life.

The plot may sound pat, but Bent Hamer writes with a level of subtly and honesty that is sweetly life affirming without ever crossing the line into sentimentality.

Lars Von Trier veteran Baard Owe stars as the titular Odd Horten.

Angelina most powerful: Forbes
Angelina Jolie is Hollywood's most powerful celebrity, according to a new Forbes magazine list. The actress has beaten Oprah Winfrey to the top spot on Forbes' 2009 Celebrity 100 list. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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Rom-com left in Ruins

My Life **in Ruins**
Director: Donald Petrie
Stars: Nia Vardalos, Richard Dreyfuss
Classification: PG
Rating: ●

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Even those easily pleased folks who fell arse over tea kettle for Nia Vardalos' breakthrough film My Big Fat Greek Wedding may find their patience tried in My Life in Ruins (also produced by Tom Hanks and his wife, Rita Wilson), the latest attempt by the Winnipeg-born comedian to become Queen of the Mediterranean rom-com.

Vardalos plays Georgia, a neurotic, repressed Greek-American woman who flees to the old country and spends her days working as Greece's dullest tour guide. Resisting sabotage from her smarmy co-worker (Alistair McGowan), our uptight heroine (who by her own admission hasn't had sex in more than a year) must deal with a busload of cliché saddled tourists straight out of the hoariest of fiction.

We have the obnoxious American (fellow Canadian funnyman Harland Williams) and his sniggering wife; the stereotypical Fosters polluted, slang speaking Aussies; the "nice" and timid Canucks; the horny Spanish divorcees, the stuffy Brits and the overbearing, anything-for-a-laugh bachelor (Richard Dreyfuss, miles away from Jaws) who all seem less interested in her love for Greek history and architecture than they do for shopping and getting smashed.

Nia Vardalos and Richard Dreyfuss star in the romantic comedy My Life in Ruins.

Along the way, Georgia begins a forehead smacking, would-be screwball relationship with her hirsute driver, Poupi Kackas (say it aloud) whose very name exemplifies the kind of low-brow, broad and thoroughly tired humour that director Donald Petrie revels in.

Petrie (Miss Congeniality) is a tried and true Hollywood hack whose comic touch is about as sophisticated as an orangutan in a tuxedo and his ham-handed guidance ensures that every single performance, every weathered gag and dramatic revelation is turned up way past 11.

And that's really too bad, because Vardalos, as she did in her first picture, comes off as rather likeable and the Greek scenery is nothing short of eye filling.

But just in case you think this critic to be waxing hyperbolic at how utterly moronic My Life in Ruins really is, Poupi's nephew is named Doudi. I wish I were kidding.

• For My Life in Ruins photos, trailer and screentimes, or to buy tickets, visit metronews.ca/movies.

Surgeon deeply moving

The English **Surgeon**
Director: Geoffrey Smith
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●½

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Dr. Henry Marsh is the subject of documentary The English Surgeon.

REVIEW The quality of mercy should never be strained and Dr. Henry Marsh, for one, certainly lives by this creed. The gentle, unassuming MD is the subject of Geoffrey Smith's haunting documentary The English Surgeon, a picture that manages to milk optimism out of poverty, terminal illness and death.

The film follows Marsh as he travels to the Ukraine to assist his friend and colleague Dr. Igor Kurilets treat the sick under the most stressful and disparaging of conditions.

One patient in particular, Marian, a West Ukraine man, who is afflicted with a deadly brain tumour, gets special attention.

Scene after scene of queasy, bloody operating room footage (Marian is still awake when Marsh opens his skull) is juxtaposed with heartbreaking passages of the potentially doomed man just surviving in his environment.

The heart and soul of The English Surgeon is obviously Marsh himself, whose tireless dedication to both saving lives and providing palliative humanity makes him nothing short of compelling.

But what makes the movie so gripping on a technical level is its unique cinematic quality, which is as much a result of Smith's meticulous craft (and brilliant editing) as it is the fragile, gorgeous score.

Composed by cult rocker Nick Cave and his Bad Seeds partner Warren Ellis (The Assassination Of Jesse James), the violin- and piano-drenched music adds an ache, a melancholy and haunting depth that glues the picture together and focuses it.

The English Surgeon will no doubt get lost in the summer blockbuster shuffle. But it is an excellent, deeply moving film.

Weaver in Mottola movie

Sigourney Weaver has signed on to join the cast of Nick Frost and Simon Pegg's sci-fi comedy called Paul with director Greg Mottola. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Reel Time

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Honesty anchors Goodbye

Goodbye Solo
Director: Ramin Bahrani
Stars: Souleymane Sy Savane, Red West
Classification: STC
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Red West, left, and Souleymane Sy Savane star in Goodbye Solo.

REVIEW Goodbye Solo opens mid-conversation. A man in his 70s with a weathered face that speaks volumes about his life tells his cab driver that he's willing to pay $1,000 for a one-way trip to the top of a mountain in Blowing Rock National Park in 10 days.

The cab driver is a jovial immigrant from Africa who quickly guesses that the old man plans to kill himself. The driver gets concerned and soon becomes the old man's personal driver and confidant. A friendship forms and the pair are even briefly roommates, but the 10-day deadline continues to loom.

Revealing any more about Goodbye Solo would be unfair, but knowing the plot before entering the theatre would hardly kill the movie. Goodbye Solo isn't really about a story or events. It's about people and how we all struggle to find a way to live in this world.

The film is emotionally devastating without a second of manipulation. The audience is simply given the opportunity to watch these two characters interact.

The lead actors (Souleymane Sy Savane as the driver and Red West as the old man) are so perfectly cast that they never feel like characters in a movie.

In Goodbye Solo, Bahrani has crafted a film that is emotionally and thematically complex without ever jamming his intentions down the audience's throat. The movie simply unfolds with an immediacy and honesty that is impossible to ignore.

It's an amazing little film.

Nothing seems to gel in Act of God

Act of God
Director: Jennifer Baichwal
Stars: Fred Firth, Paul Auster, Salome Morales
Classification: STC
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

A scene from Act of God.

REVIEW Act Of God is the latest movie by Canadian documentary filmmaker Jennifer Baichwal — best known for Manufactured Landscapes, her award-winning study of Edward Burtynsky.

Like all of Baichwal's work, Act Of God is a highly ambitious and willfully ambiguous film. Unfortunately, the subject matter she has chosen this time is just a little too broad for the 75-minute runtime. While there are certainly moments and ideas in the film that are fascinating, none of it really gels together making the viewing experience a frustrating one.

The final product might not live up to the premise, but Baichwal certainly came up with a intriguing concept for Act Of God. The movie is about the effect that being struck by lightning has on the victims.

The director tracked down a number of fascinating subjects for her film including a Cuban parade dedicated to the god of lightening, a Mexican woman whose child was killed by lightning, and an interview with author Paul Auster who's lightning experience had a profound impact on his life and work.

Baichwal probes her various subjects to discover how this seemingly random event has shaped their lives and consistently gets some surprisingly spiritual responses.

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Career over romance

Star Trek star Chris Pine has reportedly ended his brief relationship with The Hills star Audrina Patridge because dating her wasn't a good career move, according to Hollyscoop. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Reel Time

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Pelham 'not a remake'

Washington plays average Joe in hostage thriller

Denzel Washington plays a transit worker in the middle of a hostage crisis in Taking of Pelham 1 2 3.

Movie **feature**

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Denzel Washington isn't big on labels. For instance, his latest film, The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3, isn't a remake of the 1974 Walter Matthau subway caper.

"I don't think it's a remake. It's a story of a hostage situation on a train in New York City. That's what the two films have in common," Washington insists. "I don't know why anyone would remake a film."

Another label Washington isn't fond of is leading man.

In fact, he bristles at the mention of it. "That's something somebody calls you when you're doing press junkets," he insists. "I'm not a leading man; I'm an actor."

And as an actor, what he liked most about Pelham was the chance to play something besides another cop or FBI agent. "I was concerned about Inside Man, where I was a cop and a hostage negotiator," he explains. "I liked the idea that he was an ordinary guy in extraordinary circumstances."

In fact, preparation for playing an average MTA worker was a breeze. "I just ate a lot and kept getting smaller and smaller sweaters," he jokes.

The movie also gave Washington a chance to go head to head with John Travolta — only they initially had to keep their distance from each other. "For the first seven or eight weeks, we didn't shoot any scenes together on-camera, but we were developing a relationship through the microphone," Washington explains.

"It's like an old courtship, over the phone. You get to know a person. We'd sing songs and tell jokes, singing Broadway tunes."

The downside of that set-up for Washington was that they filmed his scenes first, giving Travolta a distinct advantage. "He had the luxury of practising because I was on camera first," he says. "He had a chance to work on his part, to develop it."

"For the first seven or eight weeks, we didn't shoot any scenes together on-camera, but we were developing a relationship through the microphone."
Denzel Washington about John Travolta

As a native New Yorker, shooting on the subway was something of a homecoming for Washington, who admits he used to goof off as a kid, sneaking down the tunnels a bit from the platform, but never too far.

But for this film, he got to venture much farther, seeing a side of the city few get a chance to. Though, there's plenty to see on subway itself, as Washington remembers from his youth.

"If you could do it on the subway, I've seen it," he says. "From robbery to parenting."

The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 opens in theatres next week

Reinterpretation of opera magical

The **Magic Flute**

Director: Kenneth Branagh
Stars: Joseph Kaiser, Amy Carson, Rene Pape
Classification: STC
Rating:

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

A scene from The Magic Flute, inspired by Mozart's libretto.

REVIEW Mozart's The Magic Flute is so ingrained in the collective pop cultural psyche that, even if you think you're not familiar with it, chances are that in some way shape or form, you are. From TV commercials to films to cartoons, the celebrated opera is everywhere and has been staged in too many ways to accurately chart.

The latest mounting of the material comes from actor/director/Shakespeare disciple Kenneth Branagh (Henry V), and is a lavish spectacle that is bound to make more than a few purists sneer.

Taking Mozart's original German libretto and rewriting it into English (with the help of British comedian Stephen Fry), isn't the only revision Branagh inflicts upon the material. Instead of the traditional fantasy landscape, the filmmaker has transposed the action into the battlefields and muddy trenches of the First World War.

It's an interesting choice of locale but it's often at odds with the frothy mirth at the core of the opera, dulling the otherworldly impact and muting any real emotional punch.

But as offbeat a vision as it is, if you're an opera buff who's mad for Mozart, the film is most definitely worth seeing (and hearing) at least once — and if you're not, there's still ample doses of cinematic bravado to keep your eyelids wide. If nothing else, it proves, once again, that Branagh refuses to conform to the ordinary.

Searching for a home in Away We Go

Movie **feature**

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Away We Go brings together a group of people from different corners of the entertainment world to tell the story of a young couple searching for a home for their impending family.

Starring as the central couple are John Krasinski, from TV's The Office, and Maya Rudolph, best known as a chameleon on Saturday Night Live. At the helm is Oscar-winning director Sam Mendes, fresh off directing the much more dour Revolutionary Road.

While a much different movie, Mendes sees Away We Go as a companion piece to Revolutionary Road, as the other side of the same coin. "It was a wonderful tonic after the darkness of Revolutionary Road, to be able to flip and do something completely different," Mendes explains.

"Revolutionary Road is about the mechanics of a couple facing each other. It's about the relationship itself. This treats the couple as a unit," he says. "I've never done two movies that are at opposite ends of the same spectrum."

Krasinski previously worked with Mendes, playing a small role in Jarhead, and the chance to work with the director again was too good to pass up — even if Mendes had once offered him some bum career advice. The actor remembers that while filming Jarhead, Mendes had expressed his displeasure at the idea of an American version of The Office.

• Away We Go opens in theatres next Friday.

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Screen Times

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OMNIMAX THEATRE SCIENCE WORLD
1455 Quebec St., 604-443-7443

Beavers (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2:05-4 Fri 7:30
Extra Large Shorts (STC) Sat 7:30
Journey Into Amazing Caves (STC) Sat-Sun 5
Roving Mars (G) Fri-Thu 1
Van Gogh: Brush With Genius (STC) Fri-Thu 11-3 Fri-Sat

CN IMAX THEATRE
201-999 Canada Place, 604-682-4629

Deep Sea 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-4-6
Space Station 3D (G) Fri-Thu 2-5
U2 3D (G) Fri-Sun 8
Under the Sea 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1-3-7

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

The Hangover (18A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 4-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

The Brothers Bloom (PG) Fri-Wed 1:45-4:20-7:20-9:40 Thu 1:45-4:20-9:40
Easy Virtue (G) Fri-Thu 1-2-3:30-4:30-6-7-8:10-9:10
My Life in Ruins (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:10-9:20
The Soloist (PG) Fri-Thu 10:10
Star Trek (PG) Fri-Tue 1:15-4-6:50-9:30 Wed 1:15-4-9:30 Thu 1:15-4-6:50-9:30

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Dance Flick (14A) Fri 6:55-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:20-6:55-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:55-8:25
Every Little Step (PG) Fri 7:15-9:35 Sat 1:10-4:15-7:15-9:35 Sun 1:10-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:15-8:35
Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (PG) Fri 7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:05-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:10-8:30
The Magic Flute (G) Fri 7-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 6-8:50
Rudo y Cursi (14A) Fri 7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 1-4:25-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 6:20-8:55
The Soloist (PG) Fri 7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:05-8:40
State of Play (PG) Fri 6:50-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:05-4-6:50-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:45
WWE: Extreme Rules (STC) Sun 5

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211

Gran Torino (14A) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
Watchmen (18A) Fri 9:35 Sat-Sun 3:35-9:35 Mon-Thu 9:35

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Fri 6:30-9 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 6:30-9
Terminator Salvation (14A) Fri 7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:05
Up (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 7-9:25 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:25 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 7-9:25

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
cinematheque.bc.ca

Amarcord (STC) Fri-Mon 7-9:20 Wed 7-9:20
Girl With a Suitcase (STC) Thu 9:20
Signore & Signore: Leading Ladies of Italian Cinema (STC) Thu 7:15

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

Angels & Demons (14A) Fri 4-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:15-4-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:40

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Goodbye Solo (PG) Fri 4-7-9 Sat-Sun 2-4-7-9 Mon-Thu 4-7-9
I Love You, Man (14A) Wed 1

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
riotheatre.ca

Fight Club (18A) Fri 12
Land of the Lost (PG) Fri 7-9:15 Sat-Sun 2-4:20-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:15
Office Space (STC) Fri

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

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The Audition (STC) Sat 10
Star Trek (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-1:30-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:30-9:40-10:30 Mon 12:30-1:30-3:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Tue-Wed 12:30-1:30-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:30-9:40-10:30 Thu 12:30-1:30-3:30-4:30-7:30-9:40-10:30
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Up in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-12:20-2:3:20-4:40-6:50-7:20-9:30-10
Woodstock: Three Days of Peace & Music (The Director's Cut) (STC) Mon 7
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:45

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799

Act of God (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:55-2:55-5:15-7:55-9:55
Drag Me to Hell (14A) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:10-1:25-2:40-3:55-5:10-6:25-7:40-8:55-10:10 No Passes Wed 12:10-1:25-2:40-3:55-5:10-6:25-7:40-8:55-10:10 No Passes Thu 12:10-1:25-2:40-3:55-5:10-6:25-7:40-8:55-10:10
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My Life in Ruins (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:35-4:55-7:15-9:35
Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Fri-Tue 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40 Wed 2:10-4:40-9:40 Thu 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40
O' Horten (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:15-5:30-7:45-10:05

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour St., 604-683-Film

The English Surgeon (STC) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 4-7:45 Mon 6:30 Tue 8:15 Wed 6:30
Exploring the Art of Philanthropy (STC) Thu 7
Reporter (STC) Thu
Theatre of War (STC) Fri 8:30 Sat-Sun 6-9:30 Mon 8:15 Tue 6:30 Wed 8:15

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313

Terminator Salvation (14A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (PG) Fri 7:25-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:50-4:20-7:25-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:25-9:45
The Hangover (18A) No Passes Fri 7:10-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-3:40-7:10-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40
Star Trek (PG) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:35
Terminator Salvation (14A) Fri 7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:50
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PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Angels & Demons (14A) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12-3:10-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30
The Audition (STC) Sat 10
Drag Me to Hell (14A) Fri 7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:20-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:50
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Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Fri 6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:20
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (14A) Fri 7-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 7-9:45

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Drag Me to Hell (14A) Fri 4:40-7:20-9:55 Sat 1:55-4:40-7:20-9:55 Sun 1:55-4:40-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20
The Hangover (18A) No Passes Fri 4:35-7:15-9:50 No Passes Sat 1:50-4:35-7:15-9:50 No Passes Sun 1:50-4:35-7:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:35-7:15
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Up (G) No Passes Fri 4:25-6:55-9:30 No Passes Sat 1:40-4:25-6:55-9:30 No Passes Sun 1:40-4:25-6:55 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:25-6:55

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
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Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Fri-Thu 11:45-3-6:30-10:10
Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:45
Star Trek (PG) Fri-Thu 11:55-12:45-3:15-3:55-6:35-7:10-9:35-10:25
Terminator Salvation (14A) Fri-Thu 11:50-12:50-3:05-4:15-6:40-7:40-9:40-10:35
Up (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:45
Up in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:35-2:15-5:7:45-10:30
WWE: Extreme Rules (STC) Sun 5
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:55-10:20

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DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Fri 5-7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 5-7-9
Up (G) Fri 5-7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 5-7-9

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WWE: Extreme Rules (STC) Sun 5

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

17 Again (PG) Fri 4:55-7:25-9:45 Sat 2-4:55-7:25-9:45 Sun 2-4:55-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:25
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Music

Trucks carves out legacy

GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM
for Metro Canada

"It's like the difference between driving a Mac truck and a sports car," says Derek Truck of the difference between playing with the Allman Brothers Band and his self-titled solo project.

As part of the Allman Brothers Band, Derek Trucks spends a great deal of his time trying to live up to the legacy of guitar god Duane Allman.

It's a task that could drive a lesser guitarist mad. Since dying in a motorcycle accident 38 years ago at the age of 24, Allman has achieved legendary status. His shoes are not the easiest to step into. But over the past 10 years, Trucks has taken up the challenge with a brilliance that has gained him acceptance among the Allmans' notoriously demanding fans as well as respect from his better known peers.

At the relatively young age of 29, Trucks is widely acknowledged as one of the world's great practioners of electric slide guitar, an able successor to Allman and a remarkable stylist in his own right.

So despite all the satisfaction he gets playing with the Allmans, it's nice to ease himself out of that pressure cooker and into the comfort of his own solo project, The Derek Trucks Band.

"It's like the difference between driving a Mac truck and a sports car," laughs Trucks.

Trucks was talking on the phone from New York's Beacon Theatre where the Allmans recently completed a string of 15 soldout concerts to celebrate the great band's 40th anniversary. During those shows, the Allmans were joined by a stunning array of guest artists including Eric Clapton, Buddy Guy, Levon Helm (The Band), Los Lobos, Trey Anastasio (Phish), Phil Lesh and Bob Weir (the Grateful Dead), John Hammond and Sheryl Crow. Even then, Trucks found it necessary to take a break and jam out with his own band.

"My band played a show on the last night off, the Wednesday night, down in Jersey and that was such a breath of fresh air," Trucks says. "I felt like we had so much more control of the direction, just like on the drop of a hat. It was really nice ... The Allman Brothers run has been amazing but, I was actually surprised at how much I enjoyed being with my guys for the one gig we did. I think it made me play better with the Allmans the next night. They kind of refuel each other."

Trucks, a native of Jacksonville, Fla., comes by his talents naturally. As nephew to Allmans' drummer Butch Trucks, he grew up with the band's music. His father even named him out of respect for Derek and the Dominoes, the early '70s band that paired Clapton with Duane Allman.

When Clapton asked Trucks to join his band for a tour two years ago, he eagerly took up the challenge. One of the things Trucks most remembers about that tour was when he brought his father to Clapton's English estate to meet his idol.

"He invited me and my family out to his place outside of London, the place in the country that he's had for 40 years," Trucks says. "My dad is a roofer from Jacksonville who named his son off that record. Watching him have afternoon tea with Eric was surreal."

Cui Jian and the music of Tiananmen Square

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In 2006, I took a long, slow walk around Tiananmen Square, trying to imagine the horrors faced by the untold hundreds (thousands?) of student protestors who were massacred by the army that was supposed to protect them in June 1989.

I knew this: Before the tanks rolled in, there was music. Much of it was from Cui Jian, one of the very first Chinese rock stars. Taking cues from records by the Beatles, the Stones and the Talking Heads smuggled in from Bangkok and Hong Kong, he started writing music. In 1986, he released his first album, Rock and Roll and the New Long March. It eventually established him as the Father of Chinese Rock and even "the Bruce Springsteen of modern China."

The comparison isn't inaccurate. By 1989, his biggest song was Nothing to My Name which resonated the same way Born to Run did. The narrator of the song pleas with a girl to go with him, but she scorns him for being poor. Although it works as a typical boy-girl love song, it was also seen metaphorically as a very political song, extolling anti-socialist concepts such as individualism. Others interpreted it as a dialogue with China itself. A rock song said things that could never, ever be expressed in public.

By the time students began occupying the square that spring, Nothing to My Name had been adopted as their anthem. Cui was flattered and inspired by the risks the protestors were taking so he, sporting a John Lennon-like haircut, often showed up to talk and occasionally sing with the students. No wonder he was embraced by some of the prominent leaders of the movement.

Then came June 4, 1989. Cui and other rock musicians were forced to hide out in the provinces for almost a year. Even after it was safe to come back to Beijing, playing gigs were risky for the next 10 years. It wasn't until he was able to play a show in Capital Stadium in September 2005 that Beijing's unofficial ban on his music came to an end.

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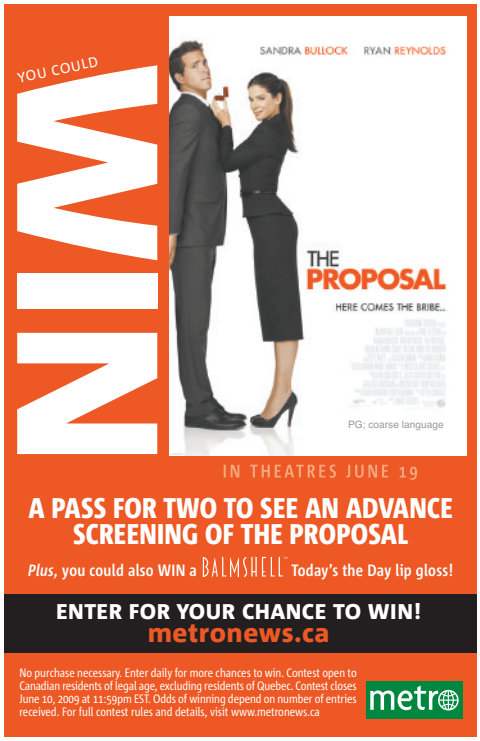

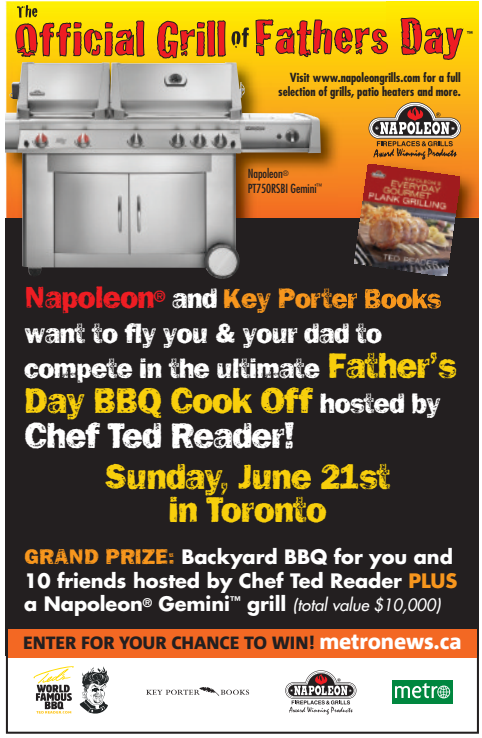

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Grand Analog burns it up

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canda

If there's any CD title that doesn't need artwork it's Grand Analog's latest, Metropolis is Burning. The Winnipeg-turned-Toronto group may have come up with one of the most vivid album names — and that was the point.

"Man, do I love the term burning," says Odario Williams, as he chows down a steak sandwich at a Toronto pub. "Partly because of it's reggae connotations — them reggae cats want to burn everything — and if anything should be burning its metropolis."

Still, despite the fiery visions the name conjures up, Williams won't disclose exactly what he was thinking when he came up with the title — "I wanted something that could be left to interpretation," he says — though he does admit that his sophomore album, and his first disc, Calligraffiti, are about cities.

Metropolis is Burning is the new album from Grand Analog.

And, if this hip-hop artist knows anything, it's what makes different towns tick. Williams grew up in Winnipeg and made a name from himself under the moniker Mood Ruff. He came to Toronto five years ago in the hopes of playing some music, though he launched Grand Analog as an experiment. Soon enough he became a staple of the Toronto hip-hop scene.

But this isn't just a tale of two cities; he's also toured Canada numerous times, spending time in Canadian locales big and small. "Cities have a character to them, a personality," he says. "It usually takes leaving to really get it. Whenever I go to the next city I think about the one I left."

Like the complex make-up of his various Metropolises, Williams' music is a dense mixture of sounds and genres. Take it Slow melds reggae, some electro and dub, Magnifico, with its distorted riffs and funk groove, recalls Lenny Kravitz, while others throw in some jazz and melodic hip-hop beats into the mix.

Williams likes to think the world is ready for genre-bending artists, though on his MySpace page he called out people who were upset that a rap track from his hip-hop cohort Shad was an iTunes song of the week.

"That's the high school way of thinking. I'm prep so this what I listen to, I'm goth so this is what I listen to," he says. "The goth kids can't confess that there's a hip-hop song they actually like. We're still in a world where everything is compartmentalized. You go to a record store and everything is in its section. Rap? I'm going to categorize that under 50 Cent. If it doesn't sound like that people are off balance.

"But there's more and more acceptance for people who are outside of that box," he adds. "It used to be uncool to be alternative of anything. Now it's not like that."

Even though more people are accepting of acts that combine disparate styles, Williams admits that he still has a long road ahead of him before he can be a fixture on both the Canadian and American music scenes.

"But I'm not worried," he says. "Eventually people will catch onto the sounds that we're doing because it's genuine."

Metro recommends

• One Foot In The Grave, Beck: Beck infuses his quirky acoustic rock with dust-bowl folk and country-blues on this deluxe reissue.

• Veckatimest, Grizzly Bear: Remarkable blend of indie art-rock and pastoral psych-folk with intricate chamber pop arrangements and gorgeous harmonies.

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Colbert as guest editor

Newsweek will have more truthiness — for one week only. Stephen Colbert has been named guest editor of the recently redesigned news weekly's June 8 issue, The New York Observer reports. TVGUIDE.COM

Television

Left: Paris Hilton

Paris' Middle Eastern BFF

Celebrity heiress Paris Hilton is bringing her reality show search for a new best friend to Dubai, where her hard-partying style will be reined in a notch to accommodate Middle East sensibilities, the production company behind the series said this week.

Production on the latest version of Paris Hilton's My New BFF will begin later this month in Dubai and take 17 days, Ish Entertainment said.

As in the U.S. and British versions of the program, the show will revolve around a group of contestants trying to win Hilton's affection and the title of her "best friend forever," or "BFF" to use text-messaging lingo.

"We're very aware we are not making the same show we would make in Los Angeles," said Ish co-founder Michael Hirschorn.

Despite the high alcohol content often found in similar reality shows, Hirschorn said that to respect the local mores of Dubai, alcohol may be nixed from the program.

He added that the idea for the show intrigued him.

"I was excited about the sheer, 'Oh my God, what's going to happen' factor," Hirschorn said.

Lions Gate Entertainment Corp will distribute the show internationally, and the program will likely air in Arab countries and possibly in the U.S. on cable channel MTV or on the TV Guide Network, which is owned by Lions Gate. No air date has been set for the show starring Hilton, who has never before been to Dubai.

Hilton, 28, is the daughter of Rick and Kathy Hilton of the Hilton hotel family, and is a favorite of the paparazzi everywhere. Her show Paris Hilton's My New BFF began last year on MTV and was soon followed by a British version.

REUTERS

"We're very aware we are not making the same show we would make in Los Angeles."
Michael Hirschorn, Ish co-founder

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	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer "Bloodline"		Flashpoint "Eagle Two"		NUMB3RS "Magic Show"		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Northwest Newsmakers		Dateline NBC (CC)		Dateline NBC (CC)		News (N)
	288	380	17 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap (CC)		Samantha	Samantha	20/20 (CC)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Don't Forget the Lyrics! (N)		Mental (CC)		News (N)	Most Wanted	Family Guy
news	502	390	26 NW	CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: the fifth estate		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22 RSP	Sportsnet	MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at Seattle Mariners. (Subject to Blackout)					Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Off-Record	Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Same-day Tape) (CC)				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	Liar Liar ★★ (1997) Jim Carrey, Maura Tierney. (CC)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	30 TEL	Batman	Spider-Man	Wolverine	Justice	Futurama	A Scanner Darkly ★★★ (2006) Voices of Keanu Reeves.			
	268	354	5 KNO	For King and Country		Poirot (CC)		Life Begins (N) (CC)		The Champagne Safari ★★★ (1995) (CC)		
cable variety	575	583	20 CMT	Dare to Love (1995, Drama) Josie Bissett, Jill Eikenberry, Chad				Lowe.	Candid C.	Dare to Love (1995, Drama) Josie Bissett.		
	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami "Rush" (CC)		Criminal Minds "Penelope"		CSI: Miami "Raising Caine"		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami
	521	560	24 TLC	Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear "Chelsea"		Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear (CC)		Weddings
	616	522	33 SHO	The Outer Limits (CC)		The Best Years		Kenny	Kenny	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Webdreams
	294	650	57 TBS	(6:00) Con Air ★★ (1997) Nicolas Cage.			Sex and-City	Sex and-City		(:40) Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason ★★ (2004) (CC)		
	603	561	32 FN	Diners	Diners	Ramsay's Kitchen		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Dinner	Diners
	320	621	30 CEN	(6:20) Breakfast With Scot		Tropic Thunder ★★★ (2008) Ben Stiller. Premiere. (CC)				(:05) The Heartbreak Kid ★★ (2007) (CC)		
	581	566	101 MTV	2009 MTV Movie Awards		Teen Cribs	MTV Live	Canada's Next Top Model		Real World-Road Rules		Made (CC)

SATURDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
6/6/09	251	308	3 CBC	NHL Hockey	News (CC)	TBA	Old School ★★ (2003) Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell. (CC)				The Player ★★★ (1992)	
primetime	255	358	6 JOY	Jon & Kate	E News	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	Movie (CC)				News (N)
	250	321	9 CTV	W-FIVE-Peace Warrior		Old Christine	Old Christine	Cable Beach (2004) Chris Kramer, Karin Konoval. (CC)				News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	(6:55) Children's Miracle Network Special Local benefits.								News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		Comedy Now Jean Paul.		Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13 CITY	Without a Trace "Fallout"		Murdoch Mysteries		Going the Distance ★ (2004, Comedy) Christopher Jacot.				Role
	-	-	14 CW	CSI: NY "Buzzkill" (CC)		Boston Legal (CC)		Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: NY (CC)		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15 CBS	Paid Program	Paid Program	Old Christine	Worst Week	Harper's Island "Gurgle" (N)		48 Hours Mystery (N) (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	NHL Hockey		Backroads	Inside Edition	Dateline NBC (CC)		Dateline NBC (CC)		News (N)
	288	380	17 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wipeout (CC)		Here Come the Newlyweds		Pushing Daisies (N) (CC)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Cops (CC)	Cops (N) (PA)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)	Most Wanted	MADtv (CC)
news	502	390	26 NW	Addicted to Plastic (CC)		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Addicted to Plastic (CC)		Sat. Report
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Newsroom		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Newsroom
sports	407	419	22 RSP	Boxing				The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	30 TSN	NASCAR	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			World Poker Tour				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Adrenaline	In Real Life (CC)		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	30 TEL	Kangaroo Jack ★ (2003) Jerry O'Connell. Premiere.				Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Rick & Steve	Moral Orel
	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic (CC)		Heartbeat "Touch and Go"		Midsomer Murders "Bantling Boy" (CC)				Jazz
cable variety	575	583	20 CMT	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Fortune's Favour		Babe ★★★★ (1995) James Cromwell, Magda Szubanski.				Babe (1995)
	615	520	31 A&E	(5:00) Independence Day		The Sopranos (CC)		Independence Day ★★★ (1996) Will Smith, Bill Pullman. (CC)				
	521	560	24 TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		Serial ...
	616	522	33 SHO	(6:00) Beyond Loch Ness		Storm Cell (2008) Mimi Rogers, Elyse Levesque. (CC)				Fantastic Four ★★ (2005) Ioan Gruffudd.		
	294	650	57 TBS	(6:30) Gone in Sixty Seconds ★ (2000) (PA)		(:40) The General's Daughter ★★ (1999) (PA) John Travolta. (CC)						Bloopers
	603	561	32 FN	Kitchen Nightmares (CC)		Chef Jeff Project (CC)		Challenge (CC)		Dear Food Network		Nightmares
	320	621	30 CEN	Water Horse: Legend		Righteous Kill ★★ (2008) Robert De Niro.		(:45) Vantage Point ★★ (2008, Suspense)				Stop-Loss
	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	MTV News	After

SUNDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
6/7/09	251	308	3 CBC	Heartland (CC) (DVS)		Anne Murray-Music of		Leonard Cohen: Everybody		CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		News (CC)
primetime	255	358	6 JOY	Inside Hollywood (CC)		Ocean's Twelve ★★★ (2004) George Clooney, Brad Pitt. Premiere. (CC)				Jon & Kate		News (N)
	250	321	9 CTV	Corner Gas	Degrassi	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		CSI: NY (CC)		The Mentalist (CC)		News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	16:9 Picture	King of Hill	Simpsons	Bob & Doug	Family Guy	Amer Dad	The Unit "Off the Meter"		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	Jerry Maguire ★★★ (1996, Romance-Comedy) Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr.						Canada's Next Top Model		New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	Kimmel	Hates Chris	Ferris Bueller's Day Off ★★★ (1986) Matthew Broderick.				Crusoe (CC)		Role
	-	-	14 CW	Jericho "Sedition" (CC)		Kiss the Bride ★★★ (2002, Drama) Amanda Detmer.				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		The 63rd Annual Tony Awards (Same-day Tape) (CC)						News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Dateline NBC (CC)				The Last Templar ★ (2009) (Part 2 of 2) Mira Sorvino.				News (N)
	288	380	17 ABC	NBA Basketball: Finals		Kimmel	NASCAR	Monk (CC)		Elton John-Opera House		News
	290	382	23 FOX	King of Hill	Amer Dad	Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	Amer Dad	News (N)	Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	26 NW	Space Shuttle		Ten Trillion & Counting		CBC News: Sunday Night		Space Shuttle		Prince of Pot
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Newsroom		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Union
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Red Bull: Air Race		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	NBA Basketball: Finals		SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		Formula One Racing Turkish Grand Prix. (Same-day Tape)				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	Adventures of Sharkboy		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	In Real Life "Pilots" (CC)		Adrenaline	Survive This	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	30 TEL	Jimmy Two	Totally Spies	6TEEN	6TEEN (CC)	Futurama	Punch (CC)	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Rick & Steve
	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic (CC)		Inspector Morse: The Sins of the Fathers (1990) (CC)				Life Begins (N) (CC)		Jazz
cable variety	575	583	20 CMT	Message in a Bottle ★★ (1999, Romance) Kevin Costner, Robin Wright Penn. Premiere.						Message in a Bottle ★★ (1999, Romance)		
	615	520	31 A&E	Gene Simmons		Gene Simmons		Dog	Dog	Gene Simmons		Simmons
	521	560	24 TLC	World's Heaviest Man (CC)		World's Tallest Children		World's Heaviest Man (CC)		World's Heaviest Man (CC)		Giant Legs
	616	522	33 SHO	The Guard "Just Say No"		I Know What I Saw (2007) Beverley Mitchell. (CC)				Rescue Me "Iceman" (CC)		The Guard
	294	650	57 TBS	The Rock	The Rock ★★★ (1996, Action) (PA) Sean Connery, Nicolas Cage. (CC)					Donnie Brasco ★★★ (1997) Al Pacino.		
	603	561	32 FN	Jamie's-Food		Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Get on Plate	Food	Iron Chef America (CC)		Jamie's-Food
	320	621	30 CEN	Karate Dog	Fred Claus ★★ (2007) Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti. (CC)				Wild West Comedy Show			Superbad
	581	566	101 MTV	2009 MTV Movie Awards (CC)				Made "Pop Singer" (CC)		Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV News

Miley clothing line at Wal-Mart

Miley Cyrus

FASHION Major retailer Wal-Mart unveiled plans Wednesday to launch a fashion line with Miley Cyrus, linking itself to a top teenage pop star at about the time back-to-school shopping begins.

Cyrus, the star of the hit Disney Channel series Hannah Montana, will team with designer Max Azria, of BCBGMAXAZRIA, to create a line of budget-friendly items: graphic tees, tops, pants, shoes and accessories, all under $20.

In a statement, Wal-Mart said the line will reflect the rock 'n' roll roots of 16-year-old Cyrus, who has scored musical hits with her Hannah Montana albums and enjoyed strong success at film box offices with her Hannah Montana: The Movie.

Her father, Billy Ray Cyrus, is a country singing star in his own right, famous for his country tune Achy Breaky Heart.

Fashion designer now becomes the latest title for the teen star, who has singer, actress and author already under her belt. "I love creating looks that are all about personal expression and individuality," Cyrus said in a statement.

The line is expected to hit Wal-Mart stores in August, just in time for back-to-school shopping, and Wal-Mart also is sponsoring Cyrus' North America concert tour that starts in September.

REUTERS

Obama-fueled NBC wins ratings

TELEVISION NBC won Tuesday night's ratings race with a varied range of programming that sparked conversation both on and off the air.

The network opened with its second episode of I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here! (5.5 million viewers), falling 15 per cent from Monday's premiere. The reality competition's story line made headlines as contestants Heidi and Spencer Pratt of MTV's The Hills fame seemingly mulled whether to quit the show.

More viewers showed up for Part 1 of the NBC News special Inside the Obama White House at 9 p.m. Anchor Brian Williams had unprecedented access to capture a day in the life of the executive branch, and the special drew 9.2 million viewers.

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Entertainment in brief

NEW ROLE Actor Robert Knepper continues his villainous streak. Coming off a role as bad guy Theodore (T-Bag) Bagwell on Fox's Prison Break, Knepper has been tapped as the new lead villain on NBC's Heroes next season. In at least six episodes of the series' fourth season, Knepper will play Samuel, a Jim Jones type — charismatic but evil, with a twisted sense of humor. Heroes is slated to return in the fall in a new time slot, 8 p.m. ET on Mondays. The sci-fi drama – which enjoys a strong online following — will share its time period with another fan favorite, Chuck, which will take over in midseason.

HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

Boyle asked to sing at White House for Independence Day
Speaking to the U.K.'s Daily Record, Susan Boyle's, right, older brother has revealed that she had been asked to perform at the White House on July 4 to mark the Independence Day in the U.S. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven

1 Horehound: Dead Weather
ALBUM The prolific Jack White is back with another supergroup — this time, with The Kills' Alison Mosshart and members of The Raconteurs and The Queens of Stone Age. The White Stripes guitarist takes on drum duties in the Dead Weather album.

2 The Hangover
FILM You know what bachelor parties are like. Getting hosed with "fun" girls and then waking up to clucking chickens, a screaming infant and a tiger cub that apparently belongs to Mike Tyson. If you don't, then this summer's most talked-about comedy will get you the latest from Hollywood on boys behaving badly.

3 Brüno
CHARACTER Sacha Baron Cohen's fashion-fanatic, gay alter-ego is fast stoking up the controversy. First came the outrageous, and hilarious, trailer. Then the Eminem-baiting stage surprise, which quickly became the most talked incident at the MTV Movie Awards.

4 The Beatles: Rock Band
GAME It's still a long and winding road to the Sept. 9 release date, but the much-awaited game's song lineup was announced this week, with a little help from our Beatle friends, of course.

5 Twtjobs.com
WEBSITE Dare to make a job pitch, 140 characters at a time? A Montreal-based company is harnessing the power of Twitter to create special applications to help job seekers and employers connect online.

6 The Strain: Guillermo Del Toro and Chuck Hogan
BOOK Just in time for summer — and the swine flu — comes The Strain, a sort of Twilight with higher gore content. Writer and director del Toro (Pan's Labyrinth) and thriller writer Chuck Hogan create a visceral page-turner.

7 He's Just Not That Into You
DVD You don't need a reason to round up the gal pals but this DVD's as good as one you'll ever get. Based on the bestselling book about the telltale signs of male disinterest and featuring A-listers like Jennifer Aniston, Drew Barrymore and Ben Affleck.

Carradine found dead at 72

American actor David Carradine was found dead, naked and hanging from a rope in the closet of his luxury Bangkok hotel room Thursday, Thai police said. He was 72.

Police said they were alerted to the death of the actor, who won fame as the wandering monk in the Kung Fu television series, Thursday morning.

"He was found hanging by a rope in the room's closet," Lt.-Col. Pirom Jantrapirom of the Lumpini police station in Bangkok told Reuters.

Carradine's body was naked when it was found and there were no signs of other people in the room, Pirom said. The body has been sent to a hospital for an autopsy.

Lori Binder, a representative for Carradine's Los Angeles-based talent manager, said the actor was in Thailand to shoot a film called Stretch.

Carradine

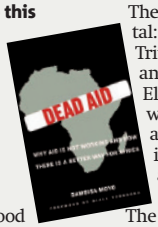
Carradine, from a family of performers and the eldest son of well-known character actor John Carradine, enjoyed a long career on Broadway, television and in movies such as director Quentin Tarantino's Kill Bill: Vol. 1 and Kill Bill: Vol. 2.

REUTERS

Examining Media Issues

InDepth

Foreign Aid:
Experts from around the world debated whether foreign aid results in more harm than good in developing countries during the latest Munk Debate in Toronto this week. Here are some suggestions to learn more about the issue:



• PANELISTS AND THEIR BOOKS: The two panelists arguing aid causes more harm than good were Zambian-born author Dambisa Moyo, whose book Dead Aid argues that government aid does not help Africa, despite $1 trillion being poured into the content over the last four decades. Her debating partner was Hernando de Soto, president of Peru's Institute for Liberty and Democracy and author of The Mystery of Capital: Why Capitalism Triumphs in the West and Fails Everywhere Else. Arguing for aid were Paul Collier, an Oxford economics professor and author of the award-winning The Bottom Dollar: Why the Poorest Countries are Failing and What Can be Done About It and Stephen Lewis, former UN Special envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, and a professor of global health at McMaster University, and author of Race Against Time.

• MOVIES: One concern raised about foreign aid during the debate was the support it can provide to dictators and tyrants. This has been a popular theme in movies recently, with political corruption acting as main character in The Constant Gardener, based on John Le Carre's novel of the same name, the United Nations-set thriller The Interpreter with Nicole Kidman, and Blood Diamond with Leonardo DiCaprio.

• MUSIC The fight for foreign aid has been a popular cause celeb for a number of years, from the British and Irish charity group Band Aid, which raised money for famine relief in Ethiopia, and 2004's Band Aid 20 collaboration. Of course, there was also the song We Are The World, and the Live Aid events held in 1985 and 2005 to also raise money and awareness for aid relief efforts. Most of these endeavours are available online, and in compilation CDs and DVDs.

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Mix of Six

Cork, Canvas & Cuisine
When: Friday at 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Best Western Richmond Inn Hotel & Convention Centre
This second annual fundraiser features more than a 100 wines for sipping, tantalizing hors d'oeuvres and works from various B.C. artists. Proceeds go to The Richmond Hospital Foundation campaign to buy an MRI. To register call 604-244-5252.

Bard on the Beach
When: Friday and Saturday
Where: Vanier Park
Jealousy, prejudice, deceit and betrayal drive innocent love to tragedy. Iago, angry that the noble moor Othello has passed him over for promotion seeks revenge. Info: bardonthebeach.org

Mike Wilmot
When: Friday and Saturday
Where: Yuk Yuk's in the Century-Plaza Hotel
Winner of two Canadian Comedy Awards and star of the cult hit movie It's All Gone Pete Tong, Mike Wilmot brings the best of his stand-up comedy to Vancouver.

Mike Wilmot

Impro-Vivor by Vancouver Theatre Sports
When: Friday and Saturday
Where: The Revue Stag
Eight hilarious improvisers to savagely compete as they try to outwit, outgag, and upstage one another to determine who will be the last Survivor. Info: vtsl.com

Bike Month
When: Saturday
Where: Vancouver Racquets Club
Free bike-friendly event sponsored by the City features information on new routes, visit the Bike Doctor for a diagnosis and maybe a repair for your bike.

In The House Festival
When: Saturday and Sunday
Where: Various homes
Live performances of all kinds are happening right in the homes of residents around Commercial Drive.

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Christina calls it off

Christina Ricci and her fiancé, Owen Benjamin, have called off their engagement. "Owen had a birthday party," a source tells People. "Sometime after, they got into a fight and decided to re-evaluate things." METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

Britney's tumultuous childhood

GROWING UP Britney Spears' uncle claims she grew up in a violent household, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — who famously shaved her head and spent time in rehab following a breakdown — reportedly witnessed her father Jamie Spears regularly flying into drunken rages at their family home when she was a small child.

Her uncle Willie Spears — who is Jamie's brother — revealed in Steve Dennis' new book Britney: Inside the Dream: "I was at the house and Jamie walked in drunk and called Lynne a bad name. She was in the kitchen drinking water and he grabbed the glass, walked into the lounge and just hurled it. It was rough, but the sad thing is that it became normal life."

Lynne filed for divorce from Jamie in 1980, the year before Britney was conceived, after he allegedly cheated on her. Lynne sought a restraining order, fearing divorce proceedings would spark his temper. However, the pair did not legally separate until 2000.

Willie says the erratic behaviour of his brother — who sought treatment for his problems with alcohol in 2004 — became a "normal" part of his niece's childhood.

He continued: "One time Jamie was drunk and tried to drive off with Britney in the car. She was no more than five years old. I tried to stop him, so I reached into the truck to grab the keys from the ignition and he punched me. We got right into it there by the car, fighting in front of her.

"Britney was jumping up and down, crying. Lynne had to run out to get her inside. We Spears men are known for fighting. If Britney happened to be there, so be it." METRO NEWS SERVICES

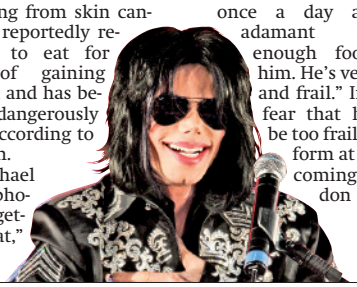
Ashlee's jealous side

DESPERATE HOUSEWIFE A run-in with husband Pete Wentz's ex put Ashlee Simpson in a foul mood at a party the other night. After being seated near actress Michelle Trachtenberg, Simpson reportedly proceeded to get drunk and behave inappropriately, hurling insults and giving her husband a lap dance while staring directly at Trachtenberg, according to Page Six.

"She was grinding up on Pete like a stripper. It was actually pretty disgusting," a source said. Simpson's rep would only say, "It was just a misunderstanding. Ashlee has since apologized to Michelle and they remain on good terms." METRO WORLD NEWS

Jacko anorexic?

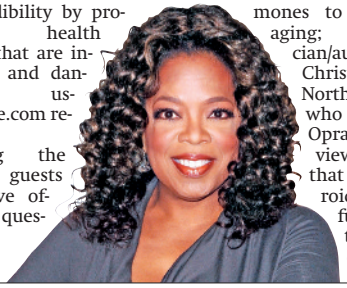
EATING DISORDER? Michael Jackson, rumoured to be suffering from skin cancer, is reportedly refusing to eat for fear of gaining weight and has become dangerously thin, according to the Sun.



"Michael has a phobia of getting fat," a source said. "He is insistent that he'll only eat once a day and is adamant that's enough food for him. He's very thin and frail." Insiders fear that he will be too frail to perform at his upcoming London shows. METRO WORLD NEWS

Oprah defends health advice on show

UNDER FIRE Oprah Winfrey spoke out about Newsweek's latest cover story, which claims that she abuses her influence and credibility by promoting health "cures" that are ineffective and dangerous, us-magazine.com reports.



Among the Oprah guests who have offered questionable medical advice: Suzanne Somers told Winfrey she swallows 60 supplements every day and takes a variety of bioidentical hormones to fight aging; physician/author Christiane Northrup, who told Oprah viewers that "thyroid dysfunction develops because of an energy blockage in the throat region, the result of a lifetime of 'swallowing' words one is aching to say."

Winfrey insists she is only trying to open dialogue between viewers and their doctors, Winfrey said in a statement. "I trust the viewers, and I know that they are smart and discerning enough to seek out medical opinions to determine what may be best for them."

But some Winfrey viewers say Oprah's information isn't all helpful.

Living Oprah, a blogger who spent a year following Oprah's advice, said some of it "conflicted with my own doctor's guidance. My doc always shrugged at how many supplements I knocked back in 2008."

Biologist PZ Myers, an associate professor at the University of Minnesota, also blogged: "It's about time one of the big media players pointed out that she is promoting dangerous fake therapies." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Jonas mom prays sons keep purity

MOTHERLY LOVE The mother of the Jonas Brothers hopes and prays that her sons remain virgins until they're married. But she knows it's a tough world out there for young stars.

"They are men. They have desires. They have testosterone," Denise Jonas tells Hollyscoop. "If they make a mistake, I'm not going to hate them. I don't think they are above or below being seduced. I would be foolish if I thought that. I pray for them." METRO WORLD NEWS

Cameron wants a big butt and she cannot lie

SECRET WISH Cameron Diaz wants a bigger butt, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The star is not a fan of plastic surgery, but often contemplates getting buttock implants to make her derriere rounder.

She said: "I'd love a bigger butt, more meat on my bones. I'd love to be more voluptuous. It's just not my body type." METRO NEWS SERVICES

GETTY IMAGES

Secret weapon: Baby wipes

PARENTING TIP Brad Pitt has figured out the secret to hygiene on the go. "He shared that when you're sweating and don't have time to take a shower, you just take a baby wipe and rub it under your armpits," Eli Roth, Pitt's co-star in the upcoming Inglorious Basterds, told People magazine. METRO WORLD NEWS

Dogs are Jon's best friends

IT'S LONELY AT THE TOP As the paparazzi continue to hound the troubled Gosselins, Jon knows he can count on man's best friend to watch his back, people.com reports.

"The people outside my house, I can't control that. But in all the pictures, my lovely puppies sit out there," said Jon Gosselin, star of Jon & Kate Plus 8, of his German shepherd puppies named Shoka and Nala.

People.com says caring for the dogs has been a welcome distraction for Jon, who sparked controversy after he was spotted leaving a bar with a woman.

In addition to caring for his eight-year-old twins and five-year-old sextuplets, he's also in charge of the dogs. But since they're pups, they're still doing things they shouldn't.

"There is no corner of my wood-framed house that has not been gnawed off and either replaced by my contractor or is ready to be replaced," he said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Saturday Sunny 21° / 13°
Sunday Sunny 20°/ 12°
GET SET FOR A WEEK OF STORMS! TAKEN BY STORM. TUNE IN THIS WEEK

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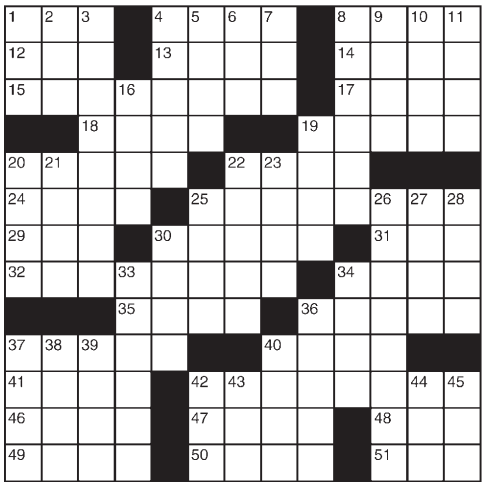
Take Five



Crossword across

1 Pouch
4 Heroic legend
8 Liniment target
12 "I" strain?
13 Spring phenomenon
14 Burden
15 Muse of heroic poetry
17 Ilk
18 Unctuous
19 Fine mate?
20 Bender
22 Author Bellow
24 Jackie Paper's pal
25 Nymph changed into Ursa Major
29 Outback bird
30 Bad investment, maybe
31 Tend the lawn
32 "Minnie the Moocher" singer
34 Hot dog holder
35 "— Lang Syne"
36 Combines resources
37 Cancel out
40 Right on the map?
41 Way out, maybe
42 Dirty Harry's last name
46 Initial stake
47 Church section
48 Caustic solution
49 Repast
50 Oboist's sliver
51 Evergreen variety

Crossword down

1 Moment
2 — Khan
3 Striking, in a way
4 Subway entrance
5 "Hi, sailor!"
6 Space
7 Shock partner
8 Base
9 Quarter, e.g.
10 Full house or flush
11 Vortex
16 Willingly, once
19 As called for
20 Detail, for short
21 Cougar
22 Dieter's entree
23 "— McBeal"
25 Part of a Batsuit
26 Without interruption
27 Turnpike fee
28 They give a hoot
30 Out of bounds
33 Crown of honour
34 Parks of civil rights fame
36 Lost ruddiness
37 Leading man?
38 Zilch
39 Part of N.B.
40 Otherwise
42 Ford or Lincoln
43 Mimic
44 Nay undoer
45 Fresh

Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metronews.ca

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	4	6	8		7			2
	7	1						8
8			5					
9	3				5			
	6	5				3	2	
			6				7	9
					8			5
7						2	1	
4			1		3	9	8	

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

S	K	I	M		A	L	L		E	M	I	R
T	O	N	I		B	O	O		L	I	L	Y
A	L	A	R		E	G	G		I	S	L	E
B	A	N	A	N	A		I	H	O	P		
			C	O	M	I	C	S	T	R	I	P
O	R	A	L	S		V	A	T		I	D	O
D	I	V	E		P	A	L		K	N	E	W
D	O	F		G	U	N		P	I	T	A	S
S	T	R	I	P	M	A	L	L	S			
			S	N	A	P		O	Y	S	T	E	R
B	A	I	L		K	I	A		O	R	E	O
A	L	O	E		I	O	N		F	E	L	T
G	E	N	T		N	U	S		F	E	S	S

9	4	7	6	1	2	8	3	5
8	2	6	5	7	3	9	1	4
5	1	3	8	9	4	2	6	7
6	7	8	2	3	9	5	4	1
2	3	5	1	4	8	7	9	6
4	9	1	7	6	5	3	8	2
1	8	4	3	2	7	6	5	9
7	5	9	4	8	6	1	2	3
3	6	2	9	5	1	4	7	8

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Spiced Pork with Sweet Potatoes

INGREDIENTS:
1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil
4 boneless pork loin chops trimmed of fat
1 red onion, coarsely chopped
2 celery stalks, chopped
1 large sweet potato, peeled and cut into sticks
2/3 cup (150 ml) cranberry juice
2/3 cup (150 ml) chicken stock
1 piece preserved ginger, drained and cut into fine sticks
1 tbsp (15 ml) thick-cut orange marmalade
1 tbsp (15 ml) dry sherry
1 tsp (5 ml) Chinese five-spice powder
2 star anise
4 plum tomatoes, quartered lengthwise
Salt and fresh-ground black pepper
3 scallions, shredded

METHOD:
1. Heat oil in large Dutch oven over medium heat. Add pork chops and brown, 3 to 4 minutes per side; transfer to plate and set aside.
2. Add onion and celery to oil remaining in Dutch oven and sauté 2 to 3 minutes. Add sweet potato, cover pan, and sweat vegetables until soft, 3 to 4 minutes.
3. Stir in cranberry juice, stock, ginger, marmalade, sherry, five-spice powder, star anise and a little salt and pepper; bring to boil. Reduce heat and return pork to Dutch oven. Cover and simmer 15 minutes.
4. Add tomatoes, re-cover Dutch oven, and simmer until tomatoes are lightly cooked, but still hold their shape, about 5 minutes. Taste and add more salt and pepper, if necessary. Serve garnished with scallions.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Feel free to ignore what others tell you if your inner voice tells you something different. You've never been one to follow the herd.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
The Sun's transit of the financial area of your chart is good for money matters but Saturn's shadow looms. There could be an expense you overlooked.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
It may not be your style to bite your tongue and keep your thoughts to yourself but that might be a wise move today – and over the weekend too.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Some people have a knack for rubbing you the wrong way and one person will give you a lot of grief today. Find ways to cut them out of your life.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Sometimes it just isn't possible to make sense of the world around you and that's something you are going to have to get used to for a few days.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
It might be a wise move to keep your plans, especially your career plans, to yourself today. Knowledge is power — keep it to yourself.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The upcoming full moon is likely to make even the most laidback of Librans pull out their hair in frustration. But after that, the fun times begin.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You may not be the type to let a slur go by unanswered but just this once you would be wise to refrain from vengeance, even if it is deserved.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
There is an obstacle between you and a person you think you should know. It may be frustrating but it's there for a reason.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Are you working more for other people than you are for yourself? You know the answer is yes and you know you must do something about it.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Everything is going right for you at the moment, thanks to the Sun's transit of the most dynamic area of your chart, but don't take it for granted.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Misunderstandings of one sort or another are likely today, so make sure you spell out in simple language what it is you expect of other people.

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1. Bump off "three blind" rodents (1)
2. NFL officials' meal designers (1)
3. Weighty book about Italy's capital (1)
4. Number-one-in importance Arab ruler (2)
5. Requiring directing (2)
6. Architectural column stuffer (2)
7. Kinsman jubilance (3)

ANSWERS
1. ICE MICE 2. HEFS CHEFS 3. ROME TOME 4. PREMIER EMIR
5. NEEDING LEADING 6. PILAR FILLER 7. RELATION ELATION

6-5-09

This day in history

JUNE 5, 1849: Denmark becomes a constitutional monarchy by the signing of a new constitution.
JUNE 5, 1956: Elvis Presley introduces his new single, Hound Dog, on The Milton Berle Show, scandalizing the audience with his suggestive hip movements.
JUNE 5, 1977: The Apple II, the first practical personal computer, goes on sale.
JUNE 5, 1981: A report appears that says five people in Los Angeles, California have a rare form of pneumonia seen only in patients with weakened immune systems, in what turns out to be the first recognized cases of AIDS.

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